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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

This work is a brief, synoptical study of the Scriptures on Romanism, suggestive but not exhaustive, written for practical, busy people who have not time to study larger works. The author's aim is to go to the heart of the subject at once and give the reader the central truth, leaving the working out of details to the student. Technical terms are purposely avoided and he has tried to make the truth plain.

Much may be said of Romanism as a **political** institution, purely, but those who study it from that position alone will not understand it; it is both **political** and **religious**, claiming supreme jurisdiction over mankind in both the religious and political spheres. History tells the fearful story of its career, but if we would understand its origin, spirit, work and destiny, we must go to the Bible where we shall find the foretellings of its rise and bloody career, written hundreds of years before it was fully developed. And when we have studied it from both the Prophetic and Historical view-points, its true origin, character and destiny are made so plain we cannot be mistaken.

We are living in a time portentous of great events just before. The present efforts of Romanism to regain in our country what it has lost and is losing in the Old World, and its publicly expressed determination to "Make America Catholic" has caused a revival of great interest in the subject, and this small work, written by a very busy man, is intended as an humble contribution to the study of a subject in which every Christian and Patriot feels deeply concerned.

The author has studied the subject many years, and preached and written upon it. As he grows older the conviction deepens in his mind that next to Christianity itself, we need to study this age-lasting enemy of Christianity; especially do we need it **now** when it seeks to subvert our faith, our liberties and our institutions and destroy our Religious and Political LIBERTIES.

Whether the author sustains his proposition that Romanism is THE INSTITUTIONAL INCARNATION OF SATAN, POLITICALLY AND RELIGIOUSLY, the reader must judge. The author believes it is, and that he has sustained the proposition. If after reading you are convinced of this awful truth, then surely you will understand there are reasons enough for opposing Romanism, and take your place in the ranks of Christians and Patriots to oppose, expose and prevent the diabolical schemes of this Satanic Institution.

You will find in this work a condensed study of the most dreadful institutions on earth. It appeals to Scripture and History. Read it with care and you will get the cream of nearly forty years study by one who has no motive other than to serve the truth, bless mankind and honor God.

May the Divine blessing attend this humble effort to all who read, to the enlightenment of our people, the liberation of the victims of ignorance, the overthrow of evil, the salvation of men and the glory of God.

J. A. SCARBORO,

Magnolia, Arkansas, March 10, 1914.

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CHAPTER I.

BIBLICAL SYMBOLISMS—THEIR USE AND INTERPRETATION.

To learn anything we should begin at the beginning. There are various methods of teaching or conveying thougth to the mind. Sight, sound, touch, taste, and smelling. Of the five senses, seeing hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling, the first three are used in education, and the last two are instinctive senses for the protection of the body and are used but little in the impartation of abstract truth.

Naturally sight comes first, and this is the **objective method.** We begin the education of the child with a **picture book.** It sees various objects and its education begins as soon as it beholds the light.

From objects seen we proceed to **sounds** and thus to the sense of hearing. And then we combine signt and sound, show the object to the eye and address the sound or the name to the ear, and thus the child associates the object and the sound always accompanying it and thus learns the name of the object. And thus the education proceeds by the association of sight and hearing, indefinitely.

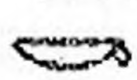
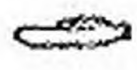
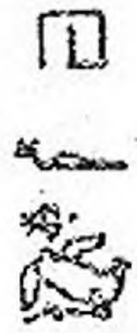
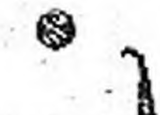
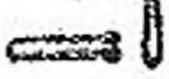
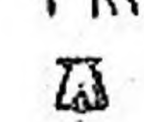
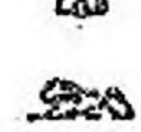
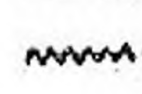
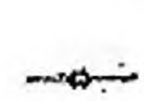
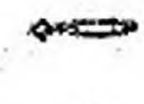
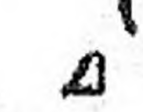
The association of certain symbols with certain sounds constitutes an alphabet, and this is the foundation of **written language.** The symbols or letters may and do vary greatly in various languages. The combination of the various symbols and sounds constitute **words** and words are the signs of thought; consecutive thoughts spoken or written, constitutes sentences of words and thus we have language. Through the medium of sounds

without signs, or of signs without sounds, we may convey our thoughts to other minds. The first spoken, the last written language.

A study of the **origin of alphabets** is very interesting. As might be very properly supposed, we find the oldest alphabets were simple **pictures.**

PICTURE ALPHABETS.

The Egyptian Alphabet.

a	eagle	
b	crane	
g	bowl	
d	hand	
h	plan of house	
f,v	cerastes	
t'(tch, z)	duck	
x(kh)	sieve	
th	tongs; loop	
i	leaves	
k	throne	
l	lioness	
m	owl	
n	water	
s	door bolt	
ă	weapon	
p	door	
t(ts)	snake	
q	knee?	
r	mouth	
š(sh)	field	
t(tu)	arm with cake in hand	

In the column to the left you will note that the Egyptian alphabet is simply a succession of pictures. It was lost for long centuries, but when the Rosetta Stone was discovered near the mouth of the Nile river in Egypt, in 1799, it contained an inscription in Greek duplicated in Egyptian hieroglyphics or picture letters and also in demotic or common characters, and Drs. Young and Champollion deciphered it and found the key to the sound of the Egyptian letters and now Egyptologists can read the inscriptions on Egyptian monuments made thousands of years ago. The eagle is a, the crane b, and so on. This stone was erected in 195 B. C.

The Chaldean, Phonecian and Assyrian, were picture alphabets, and thus when we go back in the ages before Christ, we shall find that the nations had pictures for letters and used the objective method in their written language to convey the thought, as we now use a picture book to instruct the child.

Revelation by Pictures. If we will remember this it will help us to understand why God used **pictures** to reveal His truth to men, why the Old

Testament, written long before Christ and in the time when the nations used pictures to teach, was written full of symbolic pictures which the people could understand.

MONUMENTAL PICTURES.

Egypt, Assyria, old Babylon Greece, Rome—all the east abounds in monumental evidence of the objective or picture method of teaching. Layard, Hilpretch and others have delved the foundations of old Ninevah, Babylon and other ancient cities and the spade has brought to the surface not only a confirmation of the truth of the Bible as to those peoples and their customs, social, religious and political, but the very monuments which symbolized the nations and the very libraries of the Kings written on clay tablets, in their picture language, have been unearthed and are now read as easily as Greek or Latin by those who have studied their languages so long buried.

HERALDRY.

And this ancient system of picture language has come down to our times and is yet used by the nations of the world. Look at the flags or ensigns of the nations. England, the Lion, Russia, the Bear, America, the Eagle, China the Dragon, Japan the Rising Sun and so on. This is for the guidance of soldiers in battle, when neither written nor spoken language are possible, the language of symbolism, and in all armies there is a signal code—a language of flags by which one army may address another or commanders may give orders by signs. In all the world a "white flag" means truce or surrender. It is the language of heraldry, neither spoken nor written, but by signs.

The Oldest Book.

With this fact before us, what might we expect to find in a book written in the age of picture languages, as the Old Testament was? Pictures, many pictures, certainly. To a people who had no other written language a book written in any but a picture language would have been meaningless. The limitations of knowledge on the part

of the nations would naturally limit any revelation made from God in written language to the capacity of those to whom the revelation was made, and that capacity would make the revelation one of pictures.

Interpretation.

Just as words or letters without sound or interpretation would be meaningless, so pictures not interpreted or understood would be meaningless; and if the language is written in pictures certainly the pictures must be interpreted to be understood; and so we may expect that if God has made a revelaion in pictures He will give also a revelation of interpretation of the pictures He used, and this we shall find is precisely what He has done.

The Study of the Bible.

A failure to realize this truth and use it in the study of the Bible, is the reason why so many readers find the Bible "hard to understand." The didactic part of it has meaning to them, but when they turn to the passages written in pictures and symbolisms, not knowing the interpretation of the pictures, they cannot understand it, and rather than to do the work necessary to understand its picture language, they give it up and remain in ignorance of its wonderful and plain meaning. No book or books ever written by men outside the Bible, contains a tithe of the truth we find in the Bible. Beside this wonderful Book of God all the libraries of the world sink into insignificance. Man plods backward through the history of the past as far as he can go, he finds a few old books, monuments, ruins decaying in dust, and then he gives it up in the one word, "Prehistoric" and declares he knows nothing beyond it. But the Bible leaps backward over all past ages and shouts, "In the Beginning God!" Men summon to their aid history, philosophy, judge the future by the past and then strain their mental vision to prognosticate the future; but its next hour is midnight to them, and in despair they surrender the quest and say, "We do not know!" But here the Bible lights the torches of prophecy and penetrates the future until the world

has passed through the purifying fires of a dispensation, the race to another sphere of existence, and plants its feet in a new heaven and a new earth, and swallows up all the ages of time in a boundless ocean of eternity unmeasured and unthought. Philosophy may write many books, and philosophers of one age may understand the writings of the philosophers of another, but here is a Book which defies philosophy and demands faith, a Book as familiar with eternity and eternal things as philosophy is with present things, and not only inviting our study but demanding us to surrender our puny philosophy and believe in a God and His revealed Word when we can not comprehend either.

The Bible Its Own Witness.

The man who denies inspiration simply advertises his own ignorance. The absurdity of the assumption that the Bible is a forgery or false, carries its own refutation on its face. How can man, limited as he is in knowledge, both with respect to the past and the future, deny that God can or that God has revealed His truth and some of His knowledge of the future to mankind? Such denials are all the more absurd if we find the universe bearing the same witness to the existence and glory of God the Bible bears. And that is precisely what we do find; the universe which has come to us out of the eternal past and swings on into the eternal future, declares itself the product of eternal wisdom and power, ruled by God since none but God can rule it, planned by God since none but God could plan it, and it proclaims its message of this universal truth in sentences whose letters are blazing stars and dashing planets, its sentences systems of suns and worlds past numbering, and its completed Revelation a universal, eternal immeasurable and incomprehensible FACT.

Let us come then to the study of the only Book ever written in the language of God, with reverence, not only willing to learn but anxious to know the hidden mysteries of the future which only God can reveal; and beginning with its alphabet of symbols go on to its interpretation,

and we shall find it not only easy to believe but so convincing that we shall find it impossible for the instructed mind to reject it.

Interpretation of Biblical Symbols.

For the purpose of this brief work, in which the primary intention is to examine the Scriptures with special reference to the institution known to history and the present as the **Roman Catholic Church**, it is not necessary for us to give a complete dictionary of Biblical symbols used on all subjects, for the Bible is very full of them; but we shall confine ourselves to a brief dictionary, giving the symbol, sign or picture used, its interpretation as contained in the Bible itself with the reference passage where the interpretation may be found, from those passages which deal with the subject under consideration. Most of these symbols and interpretations will be found in the book of Daniel in the Old Testament, and the book of Revelation in the New Testament, these being the books in which the subject under consideration is treated prophetically and by use of pictures or symbols.

Biblical Symbols Interpreted.

Picture or Symbol.	Interpretation	Passage where Found.
Beast	**Kingdom**	**Daniel 7:23.**
"The fourth **Beast** shall be the fourth **kingdom upon** the earth."		
Horns	**Kings**	**Dan. 8:20-21; 7:-24.**
"The ten **horns** * * are ten **kings**"		
Heads	**Divisions of kingdoms.**	**Dan. 7:6.**
"The beast also had four heads."		
Sea—Waters	**Human Race**	**Dan. 7:2; Rev. 13:1; 17:15.**
"The **waters** which thou sawest * are **peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.**"		**Rev. 17:15.**
Woman	**City—Church**	**Rev. 17:18; 21:2.**

"And the **woman** which thou sawest is that great **city** which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

Dragon—Serpent	**Satan—the Devil**	**Rev. 12:9.**
"And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old **serpent, called the Devil and Satan.**"		
Fornication	**Unrighteous Union Between Church And State.**	**Rev. 17:2.**
"**with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication.**"		
Whore—Harlot	**A Church or religious institution united to a state or political institution.**	**Rev. 17:5.**
"**The mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.**"		
Lamb	**Christ**	**Rev. 13:8.**
"The Lamb Slain from the foundation of the world."		
Sheep	**Saint—Christian**	**Jno. 8:27-29.**
"My **sheep** hear my voice and I know them and they follow me."		
Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.	**False Teacher, Hypocrite.**	**Matt. 7:15.**
"Beware of false **prophets** which come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ravening **wolves**,"		
Dragon in Sheep's Clothing	**Satan Disguised as A religious teacher.**	**Rev. 13:11.**
"And I beheld another **beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a **lamb**, and he spake as a **dragon.**"		

The foregoing covers substantially the symbols used in the passages which we shall examine in the study of the subject, and if the reader will go over them a few times slowly and deliberately, he will get the interpretation of the Biblical symbols from the Bible itself and read understandingly. These interpretations are direct from the Bible, in direct connection with the passage and the subject, and we cannot understand the meaning unless we get the interpretation.

A Divine Drama.

In the books of Daniel in the Old Testament and Revelation in the New, we shall study a Divine drama, the great future unknown to man is revealed; heaven and earth are the stages and on them the Holy Spirit throws the symbolic characters representing the kingdom of God and its institutions and the Kingdom of Satan and its institutions on the stages, interprets the symbols, and the conflicts between God and Satan, Heaven and Hell, pass before us, from the very beginning of history to the end of time. In this Divine drama we have the objective or picture method of teachng, the lesson covers all time, and when the beholder has seen this sublime drama its truths are fixed in his very soul, it remains in the mind, and he has the truth of God so indellibly stamped in his heart and it is so infinitely above and beyond any possible human conception, that it compels the conviction that the Book which contains it is OF GOD.

And when to this sublime foretelling we add the after telling of history, as well as the present in which we can see with our own eyes institutions whose origin, character and work were foretold a thousand years before they began, acting out the prophetic drama written by inspiration almost three thousand years ago, and doing this in ignorance of the fact that they are doing it, we have another indisputable fact to testify to the inspiration of the Bible and **we know it is God's Book.**

We Challenge the World of Skeptics.

The great difficulty is to get **attention.** Time is required to study and learn the alphabet and language of Dramatic Inspiration. The Dramatic books Daniel in the Old and Revelation in the New Testament, are the neglected books of the Bible. So true is this that they have been left to specialists, many of whom have dealt with "Speculative theology," and instead of contenting themselves with being students, have attempted to turn prophets themselves and written stacks of books trying to fill in the details of a prophetic drama whose details can

be wrought out only after history has given us the full interpretation. These speculators, guessers, have brought real students of these sublime books into disrepute, so that to many the mere mention of them by a writer consigns him to the class of dreamers and guessers, and he finds it difficult to secure attention. Then too, false teachers and institutions whose origin and character are given in these books, not only avoid them, but discourage their study and cast opprobrium on all who do study them, so that they are persecuted by both men and institutions whose true characters are revealed in these books.

But it is a fact that these two books are the two great searchlights of prophecy on the Kingdom of Satan. Leave them out and we have no divine revelation on this very important subject. Satan and sin seek darkness, they conceal themselves as much as possible and we need not be surprised if we find Satan doing all in his power to dissuade men from their study and trying to put out the white light which God himself has thrown upon the kingdom of Satan and the institutions in which he has incarnated himself for ages in order to deceive and rule the world.

Satan Incarnated.

If the student will go with us, we shall show him the most awful truth revealed in God's Word: **That Satan has been incarnated in World-institutions from the beginning of human governments; that he has incarnated himself in both political and religious forms, and that he is now in the world accomplishing his diabolical plans and purposes through institutions both political and religious, of his own devising. We shall show you unmistakably that Political, Religious and Commercial Despotisms are not only of the devil but that he dwells in them and has dwelt in in them for the ages, and that through them he rules the world today.** We shall avoid the speculative, we shall not gness at it. We shall give you not **our** interpretation but God's own interpretation, and you will see it and believe it too, when you see it. We shall show

you that both prophecy and history, as well as the present, all bear unanswerable proof that

Romanism is of the Devil,

that the devil built it, gave it life, dwells in it and is thus incarnated in this Institution; that it derived its origin, power, throne and authority from the devil himself: and that this awful truth is revealed in the Bible as plainly as the sun in midheaven at noonday. And when we shall have done this our readers will understand why we are throwing our very life into this conflict with the devil incarnate, and the depth of our convictions on this subject; and if we shall do this, and we are sure we shall, then we shall have helped God's servants to see the truth and better equipped the rising generation to combat these Satanic forces which come to them in the guise of religious institutions only to deceive them and betray them into the hands of Satan.

We realize these are large promises, and we are prepared to meet any who may be disposed to accuse us of boasting. We shall leave our defense to those who study with us, and we are sure they will say we have done all we promised when we are done. And when we shall have discovered the truth concerning the origin and real nature of political, commercial and ecclesiastical despotisms, we shall understand the meaning of Christianity, we shall see the real issue between good and evil, right and wrong, and be prepared to give or withhold our allegiance to institutions which demand it; we shall also understand the conflicts in which we as Christians are to take part and the correct position to take, the weapons to use and how to use them, and will be prepared to wage warfare in harmony with truth and the revealed will of God.

Texts We Shall Use.

The world's political, commercial and religious future, from 700 years before Christ until the end of this dispensation is prophetically revealed in four chapters in the Bible, Daniel 7th, in the Old Testament, and Revelation 12th, 13th and 17th in the New Testament. We shall refer

to other parallel pasages, but we shall use these entire. We have prepared pictures to illustrate them, which will be inserted to help the student, we shall give the Biblical interpretation along with the text in parallel columns, and we insert the historical evidence to show that these dramatic prophecies have had and continue to have their exact fulfilment in both political and ecclesiastical institutions, and we shall show that these institutions now in the world are fulfiling prophecy daily.

Rome Hates The Bible.

The reason is the Bible is the Great Weapon which God has given us to vanquish Romanism. All other weapons are insignificant as compared to it, and not until those who preach and teach shall have learned how to use the Bible against Rome will we get victory worthy of the name. True we can accomplish something by exposing and opposing Rome's deep laid political and hypocritical schemes and pretenses but we must take the Book of God and with it lay bare her true origin and real character and then "burn her" with the fires of truth and "strip her to nakedness" with **"the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." This word reveals the origin, nature, doctrine, practice, corruptions, persecutions, time of duration and ultimate destiny of Romanism and the political powers with which she has fornicated for ages and continues to fornicate. Her very picture, her name, her location, her shameless conduct, her liasons, the very color of her scarlet garments, the very numerical or mathematical demonstration of her identity are in God's own Book as we shall show.**

The Revival Needed.

From everywhere comes the cry "Lord, Revive thy Work!" We face a time of spiritual declension and backslidings. Our pulpits have become doctrineless and our Christianity formal and spineless. Worldliness, sin, empty formality, false sentiment, concession, surrender, compromise, characterize the age. The compromises have gone on until Rome boasts that Protestantism is dead

and has no powers of resistance as against Roman aggression. We sin against God and humanity when we cease to use the weapons he has put in our hands as against the institutions and insiduous influence of Satan; and the prayer for spiritual revival, while we reject and neglect to use the means to secure it by proclaiming the whole truth of God, is but a solemn and hypocritical pretense. Only a glance at the Bible and history are necessary to convince us that all periods of true revival have been periods of intense, deep agonizing convicition of God's truth, and of intense and blood-letting conflict with the powers of hell. God is waiting and willing as He ever was, the world needs the truth always, the wails of the oppressed cry mightily for Gospel Crusaders and Liberators, and the challenge of God's enemy and the Devil's institution in Romanism thrown down in our own country at the feet of Protestantism, not only invites but dares every man of God to accept the chalenge and "put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil" and **fight.** We seem to have sheathed the "sword of the Spirit," given up the "good fight of faith," imagined that the "salt of the earth" is too acid to suit the devil and followed empty sentimentalism and mixed philosophical sugar in the Gospel until it has nauseated regenerated hearts and minds. The same spirit, purpose and call that filled and inspired the prophets and Apostles with holy zeal for truth, and threw them into the conflict with all the powers of hell and darkness must possess us if we are to have apostolic zeal and Spiritual revival. We live in a time when men are compromising with the devil, when religious institutions are seeking popularity with the world and surcease from conflicts with evil, when compromise with sin flatters itself as "broad-minded and liberal" and preaches an emasculated gospel of sentiment so broad that it has neither depth nor height nor power to convince, convict and save. And yet there are redeemed souls who feel, who see conditions and who suffer and agonize for real revival. How few they are who are willing to wade the floods of persecution and fight

the battles necessary to get them into the land of promise and blessing! The Protestant Samsons are resting their heads in the laps of the Delilahs of ease and pleasure, while the Philistines and their Goliaths are bantering and mocking the armies of the living God. Where are the Davids who will go out to meet them? The Midianites are invading Israel; where are the Gideons and the tested warriors? The bloated, Godless, drunken, lecherous priesthood of Romanism swarm America and blaspheme our religious and political liberties, assault our institutions, denounce us as adulterers because they are not invited to give us a papal marriage, invade our legislative halls, demand the suppression of liberty of speech and press, tell us publicly in cold print "to hell with the government of the United States," which means "to hell with political and religious liberty and every institution built upon our constitutional liebrties."

The battle is now upon us! This is a death-grapple, either our liberties must die or the power of Romanism in America must die; which shall it be? Romanism has thrust the issue upon us. To evade it is to invite her aggression and go down in defeat and disgrace. We might as well try to reason with the lion in his lair and the devil in the pit as with Romanism. It is the incarnation of the devil, the symbol of which is a Dragon or Devil robed as a sheep, (see Rev. 13:11) and when the pitiful cry of the lamb whose tender flesh is torn by the wolf, converts the wolf to pity, then may the cry of Rome's suffering victims convert her to pity, but not until then.

"The Weapons of Our Warfare are not Carnal."

We may not spill blood. This is the way of the Beastly Kingdoms which have devoured bleeding humanity and ruled for ages. This is the way of Rome, the blood and ashes of whose martyr-victims mark the long way back to the cross; this is the spirit of Rome today the blood of whose victims in riots against the truth in our own America have been spilled in the last two months. Not for us the gun and sword and stiletto, but thank God

we have a weapon much more effective. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual (or religious) wickedness in high places," and our weapons are the Word of God and prayer, our armor the girdle of **Truth**, the breastplate of **Righteousness**, gospel **Shoes**, the shield of **Faith**, salvation for a **Helmet** and the **sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God for our offensive weapon.**

In The Battle.

So to the battle we go. Panoplied in the armor of God, armed with God's Word, we dare enter the conflict with Romanism. That sord is double-edged and very sharp, its prophetic edge and its historic edge will cut their way through all the lies and sophistries of the devil, they will pierce to the very marraw and joints of the devil's body corporate, and sink into the very thought and intention of the heart of this bloody beast, open them and lay bare the soul of Romanism.

We are going to the very root of the matter. We brush conventions and formality aside, we shall discard apologetics and have to do with polemics, we shall not ask for quarter nor cry out for pain, we lay aside diplomacy and policy, cunning and craft and lay our gospel covered foot to the mark, invite this incarnate devil to strike his best at our head helmeted with salvation and do his devil's best, to dash an arrow through the shield of faith in God under which we take refuge. And we serve him honorable notice that he may be prepared for conflict to the finish and that we mean to stand to the mark and win or die, and may God defend the right!

CHAPTER II.

FOUR GREAT WORLD-KINGDOMS.

Daniel's Vision of the Future.

Symbolic Scripture Illustrated and Explained

We will now begin the study of the Biblical Prophecies looking to the discovery of the Origin, Source of Power and methods of work of the Romish system among men. We go back to a time 555 B. C.; the place is Babylon, in Assyria, on the Euphrates river, one of the richest countries in the world at that time, and the chosen prophet is Daniel, a Hebrew, who had with others been captured by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and carried a captive into that country, from Palestine.

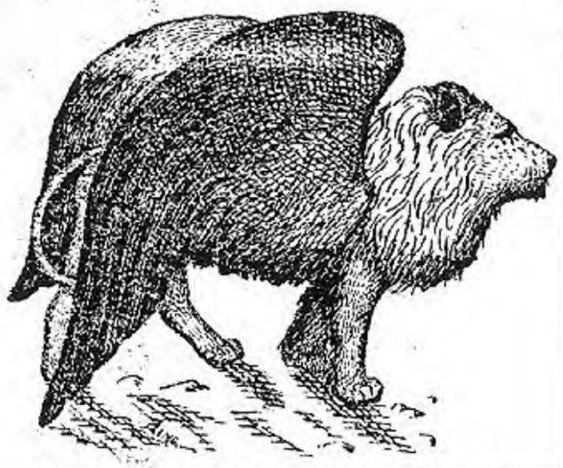
Imagine if you can the splendors of that ancient Kingdom, of the proud city of Babylon, which name comes from Bel, the name of the male Idol worshipped by the Babylonians, of whose tower, Babel, and the confusion of tongues there, we read in the Bible. Babel means confusion, and the city of Babylon means the city of confusion. Imagine also the lowly estate of the Hebrew captive, Daniel, in contrast with the splendors about him. On his lowly cot, the vision of the future came to him in sublime symbols, and he wrote it in the 7th chapter of his book. We will give you the text and illustrations in the left hand column and interpretations and comments and the interpretations and comments follow.

DANIEL, CHAPTER VII.
The Vision.

1. In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

2. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3. And four great beasts came up from the sea, divers one from another.



Winged Lion. First Kingdom.

4. The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.



Bear. Second Kingdom.

5. And behold anothr beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it, between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6. After this I beheld, and lo another like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast also had four heads; and dominion was given to it.



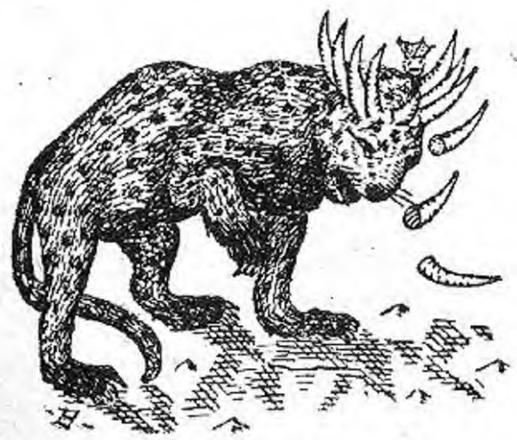
Winged Leopard. Third Kingdom.

7. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth bast, dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was divers from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.



Fourth Beast. Fourth Kingdom.

8. I considerd the horns, and behold there came up **among them** another little horn, before whom there were three of the



Same Beast. Rise of Little Horn. Three of First Horns Plucked Off.

first horns plucked up by the roots; and behold in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth **speaking great things and blasphemies.**

9. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garments were white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool, his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him, thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set and the books were opened.

11. I beheld then because of **the great words which the horn** spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

12. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13. I saw in the night visions, and, behold one like the **Son of Man, came with the clouds of heaven,** and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him.

14. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which was shall not be destroyed.

DANIEL, CHAPTER VII.
The Interpretation.

15. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body and the visions of my head troubled me.

16. I came near unto one of them that stood by, **and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made me to konw the INTERPRETATION of the things.**

17. **These GREAT BEASTS, WHICH ARE FOUR, ARE FOUR KINGS (Kingdoms) which shall** arise out of the earth. **(Compare on Beast a kingdom,** Verse 23.)

18. But the saints of the most high shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever even forever and ever.

19. Then I would know the **truth of the fourth beast,** which was divers from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass, which devoured, break in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20. And of the **ten horns** that were in his head, and of the other (little horn) which came up, and before whom **three** fell; even of **that horn that had eyes and a mouth that**

spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21. I beheld, and **the same horn MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS AND PREVAILED AGAINST THEM.**

22. **Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was given to the Saints of the most high: and the time came that THE SAINTS POSSESSED THE KINGDOM.**

23. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth KINGDOM UPON THE EARTH, WHICH SHALL BE DIVERS (different) from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and break it in pieces.

24. And the **ten horns** out of this **kingdom, are ten kings** that shall arise; and another (king) shall arise **after** them, and he shall be divers from the first, **and he shall subdue three kings. (The pope and the papal states.)**

25. And he (the little horn, the different king who arises after the first ten, on the head of the fourth beast) shall speak great words against the most high, (papal blasphemies) and shall wear out (by persecution) the saints of the most high, and think to change times and laws, and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (Popery rose as a political power in 610 and lost its temporal power in 1870, exactly 1260 years.)

26. But the judgment shall sit, and thy shall take away his dominion, (temporal or political power of the Little Horn—papacy) to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**

28. Hitherto is an end to the matter.

Comment:

Notice please that this vision is **interpreted** to Daniel, and that he gives the divine interpretation of it. It does not give the names of the Empires, but it does tell us the four beasts are four kingdoms, and it gives their chronological order.

The special characteristics of the four beasts are not given beyond their general cruelty, but the characteristics of the "Little Horn" are given. Daniel made special inquiry concerning this Little Horn, and the interpreter gave special details as to its character, "Speaking great things and blasphemies, wearing out the saints, making war with the saints, changing times and laws," and the time of its continuity in power. This very special attention given to explaining the characteristics of the "Little Horn Kingdom," will attract the attention of the careful student, as indicating the key to the design of the vision. The Little Horn Kingdom is made the centerpiece, and the others are clustered about it, leading up to it and finding their consumation in it. It is the ripe fruit of which the previous beastly kingdoms are but the stalks and flowers, and in it we find the full harvest of woes for which its predecessors were but the sowing and perparation.

INSPIRATION.

If a proof of the inspiration of the Bible be demanded, here it is. This one chapter, written more than 500 years before Christ came to earth, in the last days of the Assyrian Empire, and before either of the other three rose to universal dominion, not only sweeps the whole pre-advent age, but forward into and covers the Gospel Age, gives the rise, the nature and the awful deeds of popery, down to the day in which we live; its foretellings are now fulfilling before the eyes of every man who has knowledge of this holy Book and human affairs to see, and beyond us it sweeps on into the future until the Judgement to come and the consigning of this beastly system into the "Flames of Perdition."

The arguement may be reduced to a simple syllogism:

1. None but God can inspire men to foreknow or foretell the future, because none but God knows the future.

2. Daniel did foretell the future of the world, political and religious, from the days of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, to the present day, all history being witness.

3. Therefore God did inspire Daniel to foreknow and foretell the future, and the Bible is inspired of God and true.

A denial of the inspiration of the Bible is an advertisement of the **ignorance** of him who denies.

A Dispensational Vision.

Historical Review and Comparison With the Prophecy.

The VII. chapter of Daniel contains a dispensational prophecy. It covers the time from Belshazzar, king of Babylon, just before the fall of Babylon, in 555 B. C. to and on through the Gospel Dispesation and up until the Second Coming, the "cloud coming," of Christ, which is to end the present Dispensation.

It covers this period on two lines: **The political and the religious.** It foretells and describes the rise of the Four **Great World Kingdoms, The Assyrian or Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian and the Roman. It also foretells the conflicts between these kingdoms and the Ancient of Days, God, and the Son of Man, Christ; the persecution of the saints, the trials of the Gospel Age, and winds up with the Judgment, the overthrow of the world-kingdoms and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.**

History confirms this prophecy in every detail thus far. Beginning with the Babylonian Kingdom, represented in

this vision by the Winged Lion, it shows that kingdom was overthrown by the Medo-Persian, represented in this vision by the Bear; then came the Grecian kingdom and conquered the Medo-Persian, the Grecian kingdom represented by the Leopard with four wings indicating swift motion. Alexander the Great, king of Greece, conquored the Medo Persian Empire with great swiftness and boldness, and when he came to die he was asked whom he would have to rule in his place, and replied, "The strongest." His four principal generals divided the Empire into four parts or heads, hence the four heads on the leopard, and the symbol fits the historical facts. Last came the Roman Empire, overran the whole territory, conquored the Grecian Empire and with it all the whole territory and peoples formerly contained in the previous Empires, and stamped and trampled upon the nations it conquered. This Empire was fitly represented in the Vision by the Fourth beast, a monster, "dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly," with "teeth of iron and claws of brass," a cruel monster, with great power and without pity. It stood as a solid empire from 853 B. C. to 476 A. D. when its western foot ended and to 1453 A. D. when the eastern foot disappeared, and its immense power and territory was divided into Ten states or principalities as they exist at present.

You notice we used two pictures to represent this Empire, first a beast with ten horns, second the same beast with three of the first horns plucked up by the roots and falling to the earth, and in their place the **LITTLE HORN, with eyes, and a mouth and "speaking great things and blasphemies." In this**

Little Horn

we have the symbolic prophecy which has been and is being exactly fulfilled in popery. Let us notice:

1. Its Origin.

It "came up among the ten horns" on the head of the "fourth beast." The fourth beast represents the Roman Empire. Romanist expositors have endeavored to break the force of this interpretation by applying the "Little

Horn" to Mohammedianism, which rose simultaneously with popery. But Mohamed was an Arabian, and the Arabs were nomads or desert wanderers and never had had a king or a kingdom prior to the rise of Mohammed. He therefore did not rise among the ten kings, and since Arabia never was a kingdom it was not represented by a beast and does not appear in this prophetic vision. **The Little Horn rose among ten kings or horns upon the head of the fourth beast, or the Roman Empire,** and was of **Roman** and not of Arabian or other nationality. According to the symbolism of the prophecy when fulfilled, we may look into history to see if from among the rulers of the Roman Empire, or the horns on the head of the fourth beast, we shall see a loud-talking, blaspheming king or ruler arise; and we may look to see if the same horn makes **"war with the saints," and "thinks to change times and laws," and "Pluck up three kings or horns" from the head of the fourth beast or the Roman Empire; we must look for it AFTER the rise of the other ten horns, to be true to the vision.**

Mohammedianism did rise about the same time, but we have shown it did not arise among the Romans, and therefore the Romish argument may be dismissed as untrue to the vision. An Arabic origin does not fit the vision.

What other king or kingdom did arise among the Roman powers, and after them which fulfils this part of the vision?

The Little Horn is Popery.

The rise of the Papal System fits the vision exactly. After the Roman Empire had divided, the Western half was decaying and ready to die, in 321 A. D. Constantine a Roman Emperor, made Christianity the religion of the State, by Imperial Decree. He undertook to speak great things for God, he assumed the right to make a state religious by a decree, and to take God's place as ruler and lawmaker in religious affairs. Here is the rise of the little horn, and here is the great and blasphemous utterances spoken by it. From 321 until 610 there was a conflict between the Roman Emperors and the Bishops of

Rome, over the rulership, the Bishops claiming temporal or political power. On the division of the Empire, Constantinople became the Capital of the Eastern division, and the bishop of Constantinople claimed he was the rightful spiritual ruler, so there was double conflict, one between the Emperors and Bishops, and another between the rival bishops of the East and West. At this juncture the Eastern or Greek side, claimed that the Eastern was the only true or "Catholic" church, while the Bishop of Rome claimed that the Western or Roman was the true "Catholic" church, and the Bishops of both political divisions claimed the divine right to rule the world politically. This conflict between the Bishops was terminated by the assassination of the Bishop of the Eastern, and the claim of universal dominion made for the Bishop of Rome, who now assumed the title of Pope, or Father of the whole Christian world. The final conflict between the Pope and the Roman emperor came when Phocas, the last Emperor of Rome, turned over to Boniface III the Imperial authority, and popery was established as a political power, 610, A. D.

But what about the plucking up of the three horns? The pope by his power reduced the kings of Italy, Austria and France to such dire straits that they had to surrender to the pope their kingly power and console him with grants of territory and government over the people, and these dominions of the pope were called "the States of the Church." Thus the little horn plucked up three kings and ruled in their room through them as vassals. So much in brief for his power to rule.

Speaking Blasphemies.

Another characteristic of this little horn was to be "speaking great things and blasphemies." The annals of all history do not show any other power assuming to speak such blasphemies as have been uttered by the popes. They assume and declare that the pope is not only God's Vicar on earth and infallible, but have vainly declared "The pope is God,"that he has been commissioned of God to rule the world, religiously and politically, to hold the keys of heaven, earth and hell, and in God's

place and name to save and destroy whom he will. For a thousand years this blasphemer sat in the Vatican at Rome, and from the high seat of assumed authority ruled the political world, crowned and uncrowned kings, degraded princes, commissioned rulers of states and kingdoms, anathematized and consigned to damnation all who dissented to his authority, called out armies and crushed opposition with sword and flame, rack and screw, and commanded and received the homage and worship of men as though he were God, even to allowing them to bow and kiss his feet and call him God. The Anathemas hurled by the papacy against dissenters surpass anything beside on earth; here, in decrees of excommunication will be found curses so fiendish, invocations to deity so devilish, curses so profane as to excite wonder that mortal man could invent or conceive purposes so vile.

"Change Times and Laws."

Another part of the work of the Little Horn was to "think to change times and laws." Popery alone has assumed this. Under Pope Gregory the Calendar was set back twelve days, and the twelve days thrown away, from the records of time. They are still called "the old twelve days." Popery has made our very almanacs to lie as to time. Our "Sunday" is named for the day on which the Romans worshipped the sun; Monday is Moonday, Wednesday is "Wodenday," or the day on which the god Woden was worshipped. "Easter," is the Romish adaption of the German festival, "Eastra," a female goddess of spring. "Christmas," of "Christ-mass, was the old Babylonian festival in worship of "Semeramis," female goddess of the Babylonians, which Rome took and made a birthday for Christ. Celibacy is from the Hindus, also nunneries, which were adapted from the "Vestal Virgins" of heathen Rome. Candles, relics, saint worship and much more have been borrowed by Romanism from heathenism, labeled Christian and palmed off on the world. And thus has Rome "changed times and laws." In every land where Romanism has penetrated it puts its unholy hands on government and seeks to change the laws to fit the purposes of popery.

"Wearing Out the Saints"—Persecution.
"Making War With the Saints."

Another characteristic of the Little Horn was to be "wearing out the saints," and "making war with the saints." From its inception to the present day popery has persecuted the saints of God. Millions have suffered martyrdom at its hands. The blackest pages of human history were made by the Romish persecutions all the way from Novatian in the middle of the Third Century on through those years up to the Inquisition and the massacre of Bartholomew. And at this time Rome is doing all in her power in every land to secure laws for its own use and power and persecuting all it dare those who oppose it.

"The Time" the Power of the Little Horn was to Continue.

Another marked fact in this Prophecy is that the time of the continuation of the power of this Little Horn was foretold: "They shall be given unto his hand until a time, and times and the dividing of time." For a parallel, see Rev. 12:14 where the "woman is hidden in the wilderness for a time and times and half a time," also Rev. 13:5, where it is said, "And it was given to him to continue forty and two months." Here the same description precisely is given the character of the beast mentioned by John as the one called the Little Horn by Daniel, and the time is given at forty-two months. It is well known that a prophetic day is a year, a week seven years. Forty-two months would be 1260 days, and a day for a year would give the time of duration of the power of the Little Horn as 1260 years. Now popery came to full political power in the surrender by Phocas to Pope Boniface III of the temporal or political power in 610 A. D., and his political power continued until King Victor Immanuel captured Rome and overthrew the Pope's political power in 1870, so his political power continued from 610 to 1870, exactly 1260 years. Thus the time of its dominion was foretold by Daniel and that time has been exactly fulfilled by popery and no other institution fills it.

And thus we see its **origin, its blasphemies, its change of laws, its wearing out the saints by persecution, making war with the saints and the time of the continuity of its power, all are fulfilled in popery. Therefore the Little Horn of Daniel 7th chapter is a foretelling of the origin, rise, character, conduct and time of continuity of the political power of Popery.**

Summing Up the Vision.

But this vision also gives us a view of the Kingdom of the Saints, the overthrow of popery and the ultimate conquest of the whole dominion by the saints of God. At the close of the "Time and times and dividing of time," which was to mark the time of the continuance of the dominion of the Little Horn. or popery, it was said, verse 16, "But the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it **unto the end.**" If our view that this dominion began in 610 and ended in 1870 is correct, then at present, in order to fulfill the prophecy, we should see popery stripped of its dominion and being "consumed." Is that true today? It is. Beginning with 1870, when the pope lost his temporal power and dominion, we have seen the powers of the world steadily oppose and destroy the dominion of popery. Italy has repudiated it and the pope wails that he is a "prisoner" and calls upon Romanists everywhere to pray and work for the restoration of his temporal power. France has repudiated and disestablished popery as a state church. A year ago Portugal cast off the yoke of papal rule and the Vatican is wailing the loss of its control of that country France has abolished many papal institutions and restricted the powers formerly granted the Vatican. Germany has long ago repudiated Jesuitism and nearly every country on earth has placed such restrictions around popery that it has been shorn of former power. The United States alone grants it full toleration, and even here we are entering the throes of a conflict with Romanism that is stirring the nation to its depths. Evidently we are in the period of overthrowing this power, and this conflict will go on to "destroy it to the end."

Having been repudiated and overthrown everywhere else, Romanism is making a desperate effort to plant itself firmly in America and here regain what it has lost all over Europe, South America and Mexico. This Flatterer has put on her old blandishments and is doing her utmost to deceive this nation into believing it is patriotic and believes in religious and political liberty. It is singing the Star Spangled Banner and making much ado about liberty, but under its cloak of religion and patriotism rises the stench of its political schemes and already the issue is joined here and American patriots are rising up and organizing to meet and vanquish it .

All over Europe Social Democracy has risen to combat despotism and especially popery, and now there is rising in this country a powerful political party whose leaders are everywhere denouncing popery, and the whole nation is throbbing with indignation at the presumption of popery that it dare proclaim its motto, "Make America Catholic."

Victory is Ahead of Us.

The vision also declares, "The time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." For long ages the servants of God have suffered at the hands of this ecclesiastical despotism. The conflict has been fearful in its continuity, its intensity and its bitterness. The masterful spirit of the martyr age has nerved the saints for the conflict of the centuries, and Christianity has been tested as in a furnace by the persecutions of this beastly power; but all the time the saints have stood and fought and Rome has hated, persecuted and destroyed until at last the nations of the world are learning what a monster popery is and have turned upon her and are waging the warfare of destruction foretold by the Hebrew Prophet a thousand years before the Little Horn of popery arose from the head of Rome Pagan, and acquired power to destroy. Now they have turned on Rome and the end will be the utter overthrow of popery and the deliverance of the people of God. The victory that comes after a long battle fills men with joy. Who shall speak or write the ecstacy of that victory which will come to the people of God at

the end of the ages of war and persecution waged against them by this monstrous blasphemer against God?

If there was not another passage in the Bible on the subject, this one chapter, here examined, will identify and convict Romanism. It fits Rome, it does not fit any other institution on earth. But this is not the only passage as we shall show in subsequent chapters. When we shall examine the New Testament and see the evidence is cumulative and conclusive. If the readers of The Liberator will go with us in this journey of investigation, we shall find the Bible is the one Book with which to meet and vanquish Romanism, and this is taught in Rev. 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony**, and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Appropriate Symbols.

The symbols chosen to represent the four great World Empires are strikingly appropriate. All of them are beasts of prey, the lion, bear, leopard are all flesh-eaters, blood-drinkers, rapacious, cruel, strong, pitiless. The very sight of them inspires both fear and horror of their cruelty. The fourth beast which symbolized the Roman Empire, was a mongrel, a compound of lion, bear, and leopard, as we shall see later. He is described as "dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly, with iron teeth, claws of brass, and devouring, tearing and stamping the other beasts or kingdoms under his feet."

Beginning with Nimrod, all history testifies to the cruelty of despotisms; their kings were monsters, their armies with spears and swords meeting in awful face to face combat, might aptly be compared to a monster beast with iron teeth, either army being a gigantic jaw lined with iron teeth, in which the flesh of men was rent and nations devoured in a day, all to please and defend the cruel monsters who assumed to make men kill each other to keep despotisms on the throne. During the continuance of these four Empires they made the world a shambles of blood and carnage, taxed humanity into penury, butchered men as animals, degraded womanhood, crushed na-

tions and ravished whole empires with sword and flame. The spade of the archæologist is now unearthing their own records and illustrations of kings trampling upon their victims, gouging out eyes, cutting out tongues, skinning men alive, crucifying whole armies captured and committing cities to the flames. The bloodiest beast of the jungle was never more pitiless or heartless. Hence when God would select a symbol to represent these empires he took the lion, bear and leopard from the jungle and held them up to the world as fit representatives of kingdoms which were beastly and cruel, and in this respect the prophecy has been exactly fulfilled.

Romanism a Beastly Monster.

We shall take up the symbolisms used to describe Romanism, and we shall not only show that it is fitly represented by a beast, but we shall show where the political despotisms from which Rome sprang, derived their power and authority, and when we do we shall make good our headline that both political and ecclesiastical despotisms are the **INCARNATION OF SATAN.** Instead of Romanism being an improvement on the beastly political despotisms from which it sprang, it has been equally cruel and conscienceless, and then to the cruelty it has added hypocrisy and done what its political ancestry never did, butchered humanity in the **name of God.**

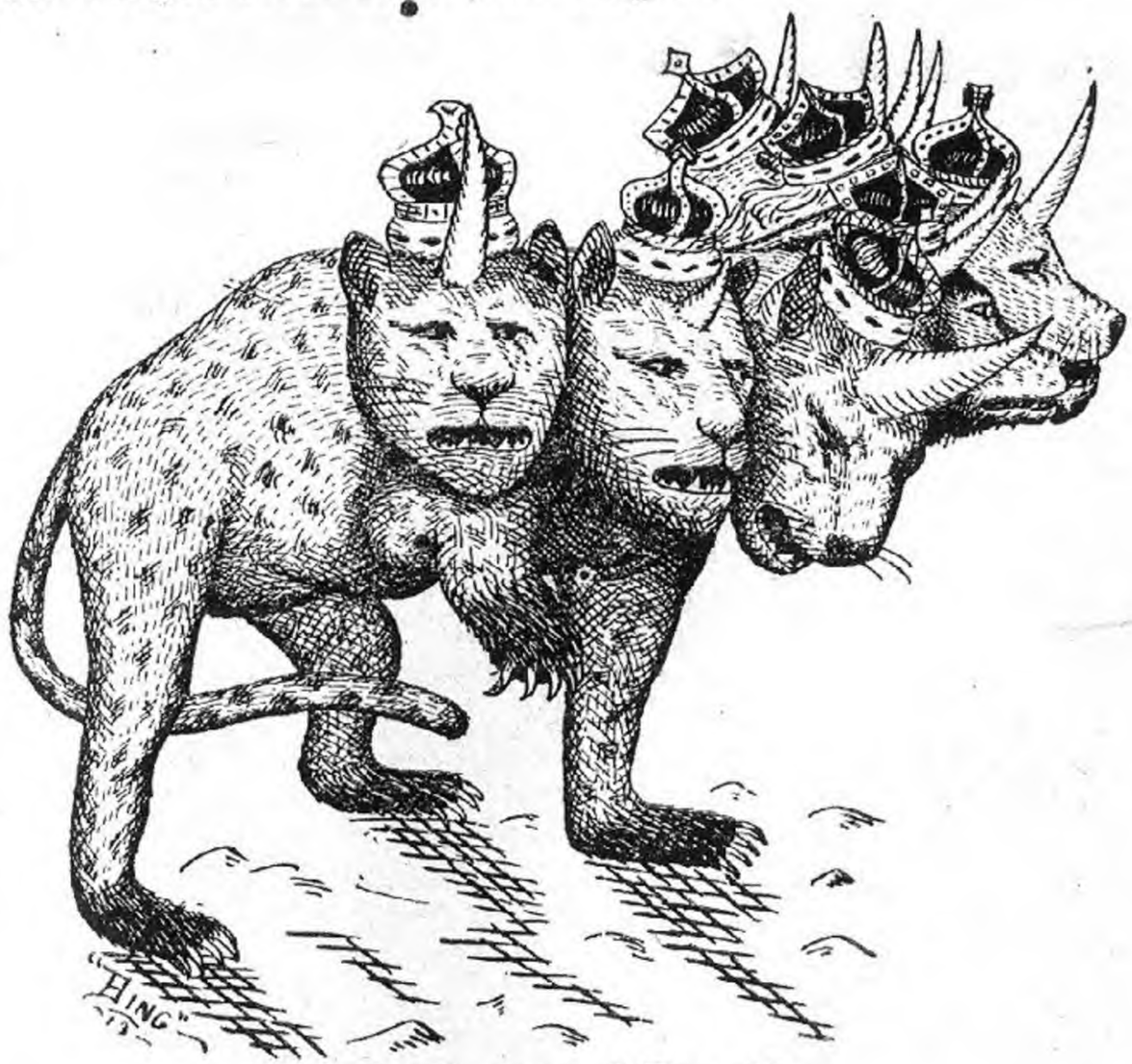
Romanism has victimized its own people; made them the slaves of ignorance and superstition, withheld light and knowledge from them, shut them up to the manipulation and control of as unscrupulous monsters in its priesthood as ever cut a throat or conspired to subvert justice, and it has done and continues to do this in the **name of God, under** pretense of saving the souls of men. For these deluded and benighted victims of Romanism we have the profoundest pity and commiseration. They are ignorant, grossly ignorant as a mass, and this by design of their cruel masters, who use them for their own purpose, and a few really informed people who belonged to Romanism are as a rule designing politicians and demagogues who are into it for the position and pelf they get out of it. It is against the system as a religio-political

despotism that we write and we would save its victims if we could. May these chapters be used of God and good men to reach these benighted victims, and save some of

CHAPTER III.
THE DRAGON AND THE BEAST.

DESPOTISMS, POLITICAL AND ECCLESIASTICAL OF SATANIC ORIGIN, TRANSFER OF SATANIC POWER AND AUTHORITY TO POLITICAL DESPOTISMS.

We begin this chapter by giving the reader a picture of the Dragon from Rev. 12th chapter.



The Dragon of Rev. 12.

Revelation is the great prophetic Book of the New Testament. Like the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament, it is both prophetic and Dramatic, the same method of presenting the prophecy under symbols, is employed, and with respect to the origin rise and career of the papacy, the same symbols are used. Beasts represent Despotisms in both books, and the interpretation is the same. If the reader has familiarized himself with the dictionary of symbolic interpretations, he can read the Book of Revelation understandingly, and we need not repeat here the explanations made in chapter 1.

Beginning with chapter XII of Revelation, we find the New Testament Prophet, John, who was an exile on Patmos, saw not a vision but a full Revelation, at a nearer view than Daniel had and he introduces Satan under the symbol of a "Dragon," and then traces the transfer of power and authority from Satan to the Beast Pagan, and from the beast Pagan to the beast Papal.

Rev. Chapter 12th.

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

2 And she being with child. cried travailing in birth and pained to be delivered.

3 And there apeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did did cast them to the earth did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the the dragon fought and his angels.,

8 And prevailed not; neither was teir place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, **THAT OLD SERPENT CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world, he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood, after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, the the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Interpretation of Rev. XII.

Two things claim our attention in this chapter:

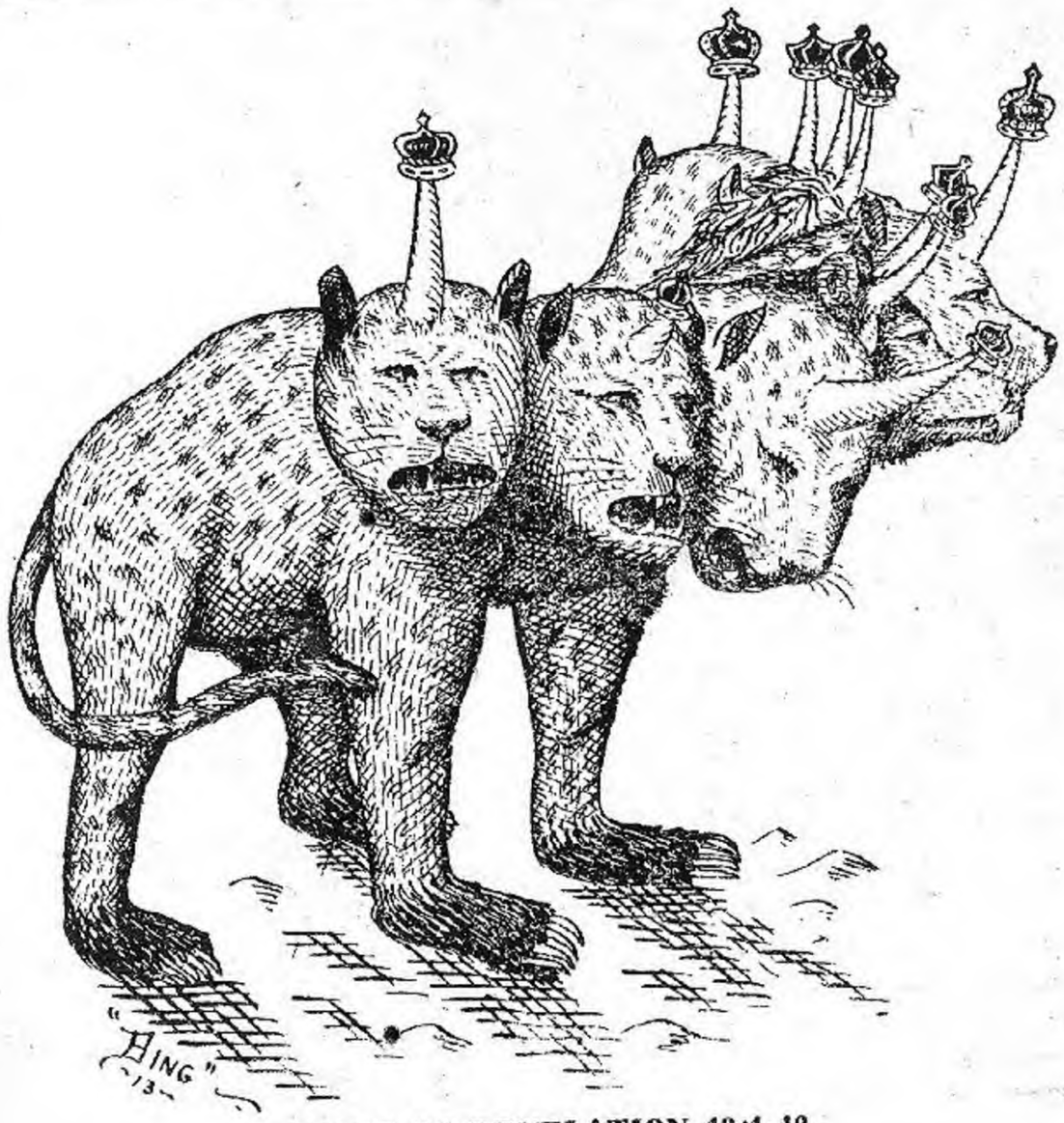
1. The Dragon represents Satan. Verse 9: "**And the great Dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the DEVIL and SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast** out with him." This leaves no doubt as to whom the dragon represents, he is the Devil, Satan. He was the Prince, the Beelzebub, of the fallen angels "which kept not their first estate," or inheritanc, (Jude 6) the Leader of the "angels" that sinned" (II Pet. 2:4) against the law God made for their government, and there was "war in heaven" and Satan and his followers were cast out into the earth.

2. We have seen that "Woman" as a symbol, has a double meaning, "a City and a Church." Our view of this symbol here is that the woman represents first the City of Jerusalem, and the second the Church of Christ This city was the capital of the Jewish nation, through which God gave the world the Law and the Gospel, the Prophets and the Apostles, but above all the Christ. The travail of the woman represents the sufferings of the city of Jerusalem in delivering the world the law of

God, and of the church of Christ delivering the world the Gospel of Christ. The wilderness refuge would to the city represent the 1260 years of Gentile domination, and to the Church the 1260 years of wilderness wandering. "Jerusalelm shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the **times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**" Luke 21:24. During this same period, the church of God has been exiled, hated, persecuted. You notice in verse 15, that the dragon "cast out of his mouth **waters as a flood,** after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood." That is Satan cast a flood of peoples against the Church of God to overthrow it, for we have seen that "waters" mean "nations afid tongues and peoples," Rev. 17:15. So here we have a symbolical representation of Satan vomiting degraded humanity out of his mouth against the church of God to overwhelm it and this precisely fits the facts of history.

We think the "man child" represents TRUTH. To those who think the child represents Christ, we answer Christ built his church, and therefore it is absurd to represent him as the child of the church he built, for no man builds his own mother. And we know as a matter of fact that the one thing the church of Christ has given **to the world in travail and in the face of Satan, is the Gospel; and we know too that the one thing Satan hates is the TRUTH. No matter whether the woman represents Jerusalem the City of God, or the Church of God, it is true that both City and Church together suffered and travailed for the Truth, the City was trodden down of the Gentiles and Israel has been dispersed, and the church has been trodden down and dispersed also, during the times of the Gentiles, or for 1260 years.**

But the one point of interest specially in this study, is to show that the Dragon represents Satan, and then to trace that satanic power and authority from the Dragon into the Pagan beast and from the Pagan into the Papal beast; and if we do this then our proposition that Satan incarnated himsellf in both of them is established. Bearing in mind then that the Dragon is Satan, let us now read Rev. 13th. Chapter and see the Pagan and Papal beasts and how Satan incarnates himself in them:



BEAST OF REVELATION 13:1-10.

Rev. CHAPTER XIII, Verses 1-10.

1. And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: **AND THE DRAGON GAVE HIM HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY.**

3. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4. And they worshipped the dragon **WHICH GAVE POWER**

UNTO THE BEAST: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

5. And there was given unto him **a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies;** and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6. And he opeened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given unto him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worshiip him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9. If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killleth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints.

Interpretation of Rev. XIII, 1-10.

Before we begin on the interpretation of this wonderful chapter, let us go back a moment and refresh our memories on Daniel VII Chapter.

We saw there that the beasts represented kingdoms, **political kingdoms,** we saw from history there have been just four and only four great world-empires, the Assyrian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian and the Roman. We saw that the Little Horn came up on the head of that fourth beast or Roman Empire, **among** the ten horns on the head of that beast. If we will now go back and count heads we shall find that the lion had one head, the bear one, the leopard **four** and the fourth beast one, and that when we add all together and put them in **one** we shall have a monstrosity composed of the four beasts, and that monstrosity will have the composition of lion, bear, and leopard and will have "seven heads and ten horns." And this composite beast will represent the combination of the four Empires into **one Empire.** In the history on the subject we find that the Roman Empire conquered the territory and peoples of all its predecessors, and therefore contained all of them in one Empire.

With these facts in mind we can read Rev. XIII understandingly, and we find in John's Revelation that the composite beast he represents contains all the others, heads and horns. Let us quote:

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea," the shore of the frothing ocean of the human race, "and saw a beast (a political kingdom) rise up out of the sea, (of humanity) having seven heads, (political divisions of kingdoms) and ten horns, (kings) and upon his horns, (kings) ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

Notice there is the name of blasphemy on all the heads. Every political division of the four great empires was a blasphemer. Blasphemer of what or whom? Why of God. And what is that blasphemy? It is the Devil's doctrine of the "divine right" of these political kings, the claim that God authorized them to reign over and oppress and butcher humanity for their own glory. That is a lie told on God. And that is the blasphemy. And yet for thousands of years this devil-invented lie on God was proclaimed by those kings and made the foundation of all their power and prestige.

"And the beast (Kingdom) which I saw was like unto a leopard (The Grecian Empire) and his feet were as the feet of a bear (Medo-Persiain Empire) and his mouth as the mouth of a lion, (Assyrian Empire) **AND THE DRAGON (DEVIL—SATAN, Rev. 12:9) GAVE HIM (THE BEAST—ROMAN PAGAN EMPIRE) HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT (THRONE) AND GREAT AUTHORITY."—Verse 2.**

THIS VERSE ESTABLISHES OUR PROPOSITION, THAT THESE EMPIRES WERE THE INSTITUTIONAL INCARNATION OF SATAN.

Now connect Rev. 12:9, where we are told the Dragon is **Satan the Devil, and Rev. 13:2, quoted above, where** we are told the Dragon **gave the beast his power, his seat and great authority, and when you have interpreted this monstrosity of seven heads and ten horns, composed of leopard, bear and lion, as the symbolic representative of the Roman-Pagan Empire, you have the doctrine plainly taught that the DEVIL INCARNATED HIMSELF INSTITUTIONILLY IN THESE WORLD EMPIRES, and the doctrine that God authorized them and gave them their authority and seats or thrones and authority, is a lie or blasphemy on God, for they received all their pow-**

er and authority from the DEVIL.

In the same connection, to clinch the argument, go back to Rev. 12:3 and notice that the Dragon appears with seven heads and ten horns, then come to Rev. 13: 1, 2, and you see that originally and institutionally, the Beast has the same FORM as the Dragon, each has seven heads and ten horns, head for head, horn for horn; in other words the devil has built for himself an earthly body, of political institutions, in the four World-Empires and has given to them his own power, his own seat or throne and his own authority, so that their motives and acts are inspired and directed by the devil himself, who dwells in them and acts through them. And these devil-built, inspired and empowered Empires gave the world the devil-invented lie that these devil appointed and authorized kings' beastly cruelties were appointed, authorized and empowered by GOD to rule over the world. This artful lie dethroned God in the minds of men and enthroned the Devil; it put the Devil and his Kingdoms in the place of God and His Kingdom, and deceived men so that they worshipped the Devil instead of God and looked to political despotisms rather than to God for justice and salvation.

This is the most awful truth of Prophecy and History, but here it is plainly revealed in these Prophetic symbols if only we will study our Prophetic alphabet of signs so we can read.

But let us follow on:

"And I saw one of his heads, as it were wounded unto death; and his **deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." Verse 3.**

What are the seven heads of human society? Seven means fulness or completeness in symbolism. They are seven departments in human relation; what are they? 1. Physical, or bodily. 2. Political or Governmental; 3, Commercial or Business; 4, Social or Conjugal; 5, Religious or Moral; 6, Educational or Mental; 7, Judicial or power to Judge.

This beast had all the seven heads; in other words these devil-built and indwelt Empires assumed authority over all departments of human relation, all the rights of mankind were invested in the King or the Empire, and all the subject had or could have, in time or eternity belonged to the king and the kingdom, and through them to their builder, the devil.

Which head of this beast was "wounded unto death?" There was only one head so wounded. It was the **Political head.** The Reformation, so-called, wounded the political head of Paganism, dethroned the political usurpation of Satan, but left all the other heads intact. Are not men marched out to shoot each other still as under Pagan rule? Is not the devil yet enthroned in the Commercial world? He is. Does not the devil still reign in the social or conjugal world? Let the millions of harlots and libertines who serve the devil's will answer. Does the devil have anything to do with the Religious world? Popery shall be our answer to that question. What shall we say of education when its votaries substitute Roman and Greek ethics for Christian ethics? Does the devil rule there? The minds of men are enslaved to false philosophies which deny God. And as for human judgment, we find the nations of the world licensing crime and renting human governments to the devil for a price.

When the Reformation announced that Paganism was conquered there was a shout, one head of the beast was wounded truly. Paganism and Popery howled with pain, but we have lived to see a day when in our own land Paganism is sitting in high political places and selling the people to the devil and destruction for a price. The deadly wound is healing. The glory of the so-called Reformation is departing, and the beast is regaining his power and political health.

"And they worshipped the Dragon (the devil) which gave power unto the beast, (Political despotism) and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

War is the conclusive argument with the devil and political despotisms. Its answer to reasoon is a sword, a gun, dynamite, death. Down with humanity, down with

justice! Strangle the cry of reason in blood! Down with free speech and press! Let the world hear the King, the Pope, but let not the accused and oppressed be heard! And poor deceived mankind rush to the gory fields of blood and butcher each other and the kings call it "glory" and reward the deluded victims with a tombstone marked "Unknown." What a price deluded humanity pays for the privilege of offering themselves upon the altars of depotisms in worship of the devil and his Institutional incarnations! The bleeding victims of a thousand battle-fields are the sacrifices which deceived mankind has offered to the devil

"And there was given to him (the beast) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (1260 years.)

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle (dwelling place or tent—house—church) and them that dwell in heaven.

"And it was given unto him to make **war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

"If any man have an ear let him hear.

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. HERE IS THE PATIENCE AND THE FAITH OF THE SAINTS." Verses 5-10.

These verses sweep the whole realm of conflict between Paganism inspired and built by Satan, and Christianity inspired and built by Christ. Here we see the opposing principles of liberty, peace and justice on the Divine side, and oppression, war and injustice on the Satanic side. When the Church of God and the Christ oppose war and blood shedding, the emissaries of the devil blaspheme Christianity, consign the Prophet and the preacher to the dungeon and the flame and enthrone despotisms drenched in blood and build monuments to glorify the world's butchers. It is still true that deceived mankind bow to the devil's rule of war and worship the implements of destruction rather than to the Christ of peace and the government of Heaven. How long, Oh, God, how long, shall

men worship the devil of war and blaspheme the Christ and Peace?

From the time of the prophets on through the ages to this time, the world has looked to the battle field for liberty and justice, and it has looked and hoped in vain. God pleads, "He that hath an ear, let him hear," but men have closed their ears to truth. God proclaims a great law of retribution when He says, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword." Will the devil-worshipping statesmen (?) of the world never learn the law of retribution, that nations built in blood will be destroyed in blood: that kingdoms and governments built by oppression and blood will come down in blood? All history testifies to this truth. Every despotism ever built in oppression has fallen by revolution or is now in a conflict with its own subjects contending for their liberties. Jesus Christ was and is not only the world's Savior, but he is the world's Political and Commercial Emancipator, and if the principles enunciated and lived by the Christ were applied to human affairs, the crown would fall from the head of every earthly despotism and humanity would arise from its long sleep, cast aside its burdens imposed by oppression and the morning of a new day of Righteousness and Liberty would bless mankind.

This is the battle of the ages, the conflict between God and the Devil, Heaven and Hell, Justice and Righteousness and Injustice and Oppression. Our so-called civilization, with its sweat-shops, its commercial robberies, its poverty, prostitution and crime, its partisan laws and courts, its oppressions of the poor and enrichment of the rich, is modeled after the devil-built empires of old, it is paganism to the core and heeds not the call of God nor the cry of humanity. The brothel, the saloon, the gambling hells, our cities filled with crime against God and men, are the centers of pollution, the Babylons from which the oppressors come forth to rob and degrade humanity for gold and power. And when real Christianity stands up to oppose this moral degragation, robbery and blood, the votaries of devil worship blaspheme the church and the preacher that oppose them and "make war with the

saints of God."

This wonderful prophecy foretells that to this monstrous, devil-devised and empowered system, should be given power "over all kindreds and tongues and nations." This devil-worship has been and is yet universal. All the nations look to the battle-field for liberty. They have butchered men for ages and now they are blind still to the facts taught by the Christ that we cannot destroy oppression and cruelty with oppression and cruelty. If we but look at the mighty nations of the world we shall find their whole coast bristling and blazing with armies and guns, billions invested in war and the peaceful occupations of mankind taxed to the point of ruin, all that despotism may reign as king; on the back of every farmer a soldier and the land swarming with idlers who contribute nothing to the sum total of human production or happiness or peace. Billions for war, pennies for peace! $500,000 a year for a rotten king, while God's poor writhe and die in huts and hovels. Armies and navies, forts and guns, palaces for political pretenders and Popery and its priesthood, and pillories and penury for those who labor and suffer. Is this Christianity? It is a blasphemy against God to dare to say it. It is devil-worship foisted upon mankind in the name of God.

So much for the seven-headed, ten-horned Pagan Beast who was organized, empowered and enthroned by the Devil.

THE LAMB-DRAGON.
THE DEVIL IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING. POPERY A RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITE.

We come now to study Rev. 13:11-18, the latter part of the chapter which contains a description of the appearance, nature and character of the two-horned, Lamb-Dragon. Let us go over the text carefully, noticing especially the symbolism employed and marking well the source of **the power of this beast. Here the student will need to use his symbolic dictionary carefully.** Rev. 13: 11-18.



LAMB-DRAGON.

REV. 13:11-18.

11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12. And he **EXERCISETH ALL THE POWER OF THE FIRST BEAST BEFORE HIM** and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to **worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in sight of men,

14. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should **make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15. And he had power to give **life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

16. **And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

17. And that no man **might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

18. **Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.**

INTERPRETATION OF LAMB-DRAGON BEAST.

A Lamb is the symbol of Christ, as a sheep is the symbol of a saint. Notice that in this symbol, the Dragon or Devil is inside, while the outward appearance is that of a Lamb, or Christ. The meaning is that this beast represents the Devil clothed as the Christ. You get the whole awful truth that the Devil has disguised himself in the image of Christ, at one glance. What institution is it which claims to represent Christ on earth? Popery, and Popery alone. The Romanist claim that the Pope is Christ's representative on earth, and that the Christ speaks in and through him alone, forever brands Popery as the very thing symbolized in this Lamb-Dragon. Here prophecy and history as well as present-day facts all agree

absolutely. Popery is the only institution on earth which precisely fits this sympolic description, and it fits so exactly there is not a shadow of doubt.

We have seen that a beast symbolizes a political despotism, and that the Dragon is the Devil. We also saw in Rev. 13:2, that the Dragon or Devil, gave to the seven-headed, ten-horned Beast which represented the Roman Pagan Empire, "his power and his seat and great authority," that is the Devil incarnated himself, institutionally, in the Roman political Empire. Thus the power, throne and authority of the Devil was bodied forth in the Roman Empire. The seven-headed, ten-horned beast "rose up out of the sea," that is out of the ocean of humanity; but this two-horned Lamb-Dragon "rose up out of the earth." It did not come down from heaven, nor did it rise out of humanity; neither God nor men built it, but it came up out of the earth, is of the earth and earthy. The earth represents the Roman Empire. But now notice: When the two-horned Lamb-Dragon rose up out of the earth, it is said, verse 12 ir text above, "He, (the Lamb-Dragon beast,) "exercis:th **ALL THE POWER OF THE FIRST BEAST BEFORE HIM,**' that is in his presence. The first beast is the seven-headed, ten-horoned beast of Rev. 13:1, 2, who received his "power, seat and great authority from the Devil," when the Lamb-Dragon Beast arose out of the earth, he exercised all the power of the first beast, that **power is Devil-power, and we see this devil-"power, seat** and authority" which he first placed in the first beast, and when the Lamb-Dragon arose the **FIRST BEAST transfered all the power and authority he had received from the Devil to the Lamb-Dragon. Thus the POWER, THRONE AND AUTHORITY OF THE DEVIL WAS TRANSFERED TO THE LAMB-DRAGON THROUGH THE SEVEN-HEADED, TEN-HORNED BEAST.**

SATAN RE-INCARNATED.

First he incarnated himself institutionally in the Roman Empire. And when under the strokes of the gospel sword wielded by the Apostles and early ministry that Empire was verging on destruction, Constantine, the Roman Emperor, assumed the power to make Christianity the religion of the state. This delusion, inspired by Satan, had the effect of prolonging for a time the life of the Empire, but finally the end came; and Satan, not to be outdone, set up another institution which arrogated to itself Divine Rights and declared the Pope the Vicar of Christ, so that Christ was in him and spoke and acted through him. It was to this assumed agent of God, the Pope, that Phocas, corrupt and last Emperor of Rome, **transfered the Temporal or Political power of the Roman Empire, to Pope Boniface III, in 610, A. D.** Thus the power formerly held by the Roman-Pagan Empire, symbolized by the seven-headed. ten-horned beast. was transferred to the Papacy, symbolized by the Lamb-Dragon, and as Rome Pagan decayed Rome papal arose, and Satan re-incarnated himself in the new form, with a religious external and a political and Satanic internal organization. Thus again the history precisely fits the prophecy, and both identify the Papacy as the Lamb-Dragon.

That this is true will appear farther if we study the character of this Lamb-Dragon:

1. "He caused the world to worship the first beast." The very name of the Pope, "Pontifex Maximus" was taken from the title of the Roman Emporers. "Pontiff" means "Chief-priest" of the "Pontifex," or college of priests, and was applied to the High Priest of Roman-Pagan religion more than 300 years before Christ. Later it was assumed by the Roman Emperors, and last of all by the Pope, so that instead of this title proceeding **from Christ**, it proceeded from pure Paganism, and the line of the successoin of the Pontifex or Pope, runs back, not to Peter and the Apostles, but to Numa, the Roman founder of the Pontifical office. Thus Popery takes the religious system of the devil, set up in the idolatrous Roman Empire, sets it up afresh in Popery, labels it Christian, forges the authority of Christ for it, and demands that men bow down and worship again the "First Beast." Thus Papal worship is the worship of men and not God, came from Rome and not from Christ, and the first count in the character of the Lamb-Dragon is fulfilled in Popery.

2. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men." This is exactly fulfilled in the mock-miracles of Romanism, which are practiced upon the ignorant and superstitious until this day. Romanism claims the power now to work miracles, and the Papal press abounds in reports of wonderful miracles wrought in various places, by shrines, images, etc.

"And **deceiveth** them that dwell on the earth, by the means of those miracles which he had the power to do in the sight of the beast,' etc. That word "deceiveth" reveals the true character of the "miracles," they are deceptions practiced upon ignorance and superstition; they were designed to deceive men and they do deceive millions. For instance, a wily Romish monk, desiring to induce the ignorant German peasantry to join the Romanist organization, proposed a test miracle, that he would hold a piece of iron over the river by simply touching it with another piece of iron, took a **magnet** of whose property of attraction they knew nothing, and it held the iron over the river. They saw the **miracle and joined,** but the veriest school boy now knows it is no miracle. In all lands where Romanism has had control it steeps the masses in ignorance and then it deceives them with "sweating tombs," "bleeding hearts" and a hundred other humbugs which are known to be pure frauds. The inward character of Romanism is deception, pretense, in other words, the Devil is a lair and the "father of lies" and his spirit which dwells under the religious disguise, in the name of a Lamb, deceives the world.

3. "Saying to them that dwell upon the earth, that they should make **an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword and did live. And he had the power to give life to the image of the beast; that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.". Verses 14, 15.**

The Romanist Hierarchy is an exact image of the Roman-Pagan Empire. The title and office of the Pope are both from pure Paganism, as we have shown. The celi-

bacy of its priests and nuns are from the priesthood of Numa and the "Vestal Virgins" of Paganism. Its various ceremonies, candles, vestments and the very color of its official clothes are all from ancient Paganism. Not even Rome herself denies this. The Roman Hierarchy then being an exact image of the first beast, which required its subjects to worshp the Pope, bow down and kiss his feet, bow when his representatives pass, as did the humble subjects of the Caesars, and for him who refuses to worship this Papal Image of a Pagan Institution, Romanism has provided death in decrees and deeds too numerous to mention. For a long thousand years Romanism by its Inquisition tortured to death millions who refused to worship Popery. Every martyr at the hands of Romanism is a witness that this part of the character of this beast has been fulfilled in Romanism.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand or in their foreheads; and that no man might BUY or SELL, save he that had the MARK, or the NAME of the Beast, or the NUMBER OF HIS NAME. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the NUMBER OF THE BEAST, for it is the number of a man and his number is six hundred three score and six.'

Here is the whole secret system of Romanism. Here is Jesuitism. Here is commercial despotism, the Clan, the Mafia, the Black Hand, the Spy, the Boycott, the Assassin, the Camorist, rule the world by secret signs and signals, known only to those who submit to Rome rule, and permit no one else to trade—starve the world into subjection to Popery. That this fits Romanism the fearful history of Jesuitism and the various clans, cabals, plots, assasinations, conspiracies, abundantly show. The history of Romanism is full of it. It is trying to do this now, in our own country, and has the land full of these secret conspirators against our business and our liberties.

THE MARK, NAME AND NUMBER OF THE BEAST.

This beast has a Mark, a Name and a Number. And it is said he causes all to receive the mark in their right

hands or foreheads. Any one who has seen the continual making of the sign of the Cross by Romanists, with the right hand, across their foreheads, will be reminded of this. They are the only sect or religious body on earth that has such a mark or sign, and they all have it and use it, no matter what nationality or language. It is to them the sign that they are Romanists, and for those who have not that mark they have ostracism, the boycott and persceution in religion, politics and business. The sign of the cross made by the right hand across the forehead is the MARK OF ROME, and they are the only people on earth so marked.

NUMBER AND "THE NAME OF THE BEAST."

The 18th verse contains a puzzle, in which is contained the name and number of this beast. "Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, three score and six."

There was the best of reasons for concealing this name and number under an enigma. He who inspired this prophecy knew it would fall into the hands of God's enemies. The Apostle John was an exile at the time on the Isle of Patmos for preaching the Gospel, and the Roman power was then trying to destroy the followers of Christ. Had John told the name of the beast he was describing, it would have doubled the opposition to the Bible in later ages. As it is the "Vatican Manuscript" the ancient copy of the New Testament which has been kept in the Pope's house in Rome, gives the number as 1160 instead of 666, as the others do. This looks very much as if Popery had attempted to evade the force of this passage by doctoring it. But if it had been given plainly then the power thus described would have destroyed every copy of the New Testament possibly, but since it was given in enigma, even the enemies of Christianity could not understand what it meant and so were instrumental in preserving a Book which condemns them.

The New Testament was written in **Greek**, as the old was in **Hebrew**. The **figures** we use in notation are of Arabic origin. In the Greek, Hebrew and Latin, letters

were used as numerals. The Romans used the letters: I, for one, II for two, III for three as we know. The Greeks used letters also with accents, indicating numbers. Notice closely: The passage says this number is "the number of a man,' an individual man, not a nation, or a kingdom. Now it is a most remarkable incident that in the Greek language the name of a Latin or Roman citizen is **Lateinos**, and the numeral sum of that name, when all the letters are added together is **666**. In the Hebrew language, the name of a Latin or Roman citizen is **Romiith**, and the numeral value of these Hebrew letters when added together is 666. On this subject read the very learned Dr. Faber:

"(17.) Forbes says, 'All that follow antichrist have his name, but in divers manner. Some have the character thereof, that is, the name, imprinted, and are his proper goods,' as having his brand and mark. Some have his name, yet so as they have not his mark, who have not learned the deepness of Satan neither are antichrist's sworn bondmen. And some have but the number of his name,—are not his sworn, marked slaves, but are counted to be so, and are numberd amongst his. He desires to have all men in one of these sorts, and within these who have the number of his name, both the other sorts are included.' HENRY, abr Or.) This word Bl. rejects. Ed.

"V. 18. Mention having been made of 'the number of the beast,' or that of his name,' the apostle next proposed to men's consideration the number itself; introduciing it by saying, 'Here is wisdom,' or intimating, that the discovery of the name of the beast from the number would be a proof of a man's discernment. 'Let him,' therefore, 'that hath understanding, count the number of the beast;' who then shall censure or ridicule those who attempt to do it? (Note 1:3). For it was 'the number of a man,' either such a number as men use, or a number implying in it the name, title or distinguishing characteristic 'of a man.' Now the Greek word **Lateinos** signifies the Latin man or the man of Latinum, from which city the Romans derived their original and their language; and this word, according to the genuine orthography, contains, in numerical letters, exactly the 'number 666.' The church of Rome is properly the Latin church, and they used the Latin lan-

guage in everything. The beast, therefore, or the authority exercised through the ten kingdoms in support of that church, of which the pope is the living image, may well be called **LATEINOS.** But, though the apostles wrote in Greek, he yet used a few Hebrew names in this book; so we may perhaps think he alluded to a name in that language; and it is most astounding, that the word **Romiith** in Hebrew, which answers to Lateinos, signifying Roman, contains in numerical letters exactly 666. Nor can any other two words be produced from two different languages, which so nearly agree together in meaning, and exactly stand for the same number in numerical letters; the coincidence is really most surprising. As John could only refer to the Greek or the Hebrew language in this matter; and as the number of the name of the Latin man, or the Roman in both languages is exactly the number of the beast; I see no occasion to doubt, either about the beast or his number, especially as Irenaeus in the second century, put the same construction on it,—Romiith is indeed feminine; but it may signify either the Roman church, or kingdom, the Heb. words for both which are feminine. The word **Latinus**, or **Lateinos**, is, however, in all respects by far the most satisfactory, notwithstanding this coincidence.—'No name, though it may possibly comprehend the number 666, can be the name of the beast, unless it equally answers in every particular to the prophetic description of that name.—Lateinos is at once the name of a man, (the ancient king of Latinum, whence Rome had its origin,) the title of an empire, and the distinguishing appellation of every individual in that empire; and when the sum of its numerical is taken in the Greek language,.....it amounts to 666. On these grounds, then, I do not hesitiate to assert, that Latinus and nothing but Latinus is the name of the beast; for in no other words, descriptive of the revived temporal beast, or the papal Roman empire can such a fatal concurrence of circumstances be found.' Faber."

Irenaeus, in the Second Century, called attention to this passage and found the solution in the name of the Founder of the Latin or Roman Empire, **Lateinos.** The letters of the name of that King make **666**, thus:

Lambda	L.....	30
Alpha..	a.....	1
Tau..	t.....	300
Epsilon	e.....	5
Iota..	i.....	10
Nu	n.....	50
Omicron	o.....	70
Sigma	s.....	200
		666

To this mathematical evidence we may add the fact that the Romish Hierarchy is still Lateinos, since its service is conduceted in the Latin language, so that in Romanism we have not only the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the Little Horn, the three Papal states, three kings supplanted by the Pope, the transfer of the power of Satan to the first beast, and then to the Lamb-Dragon, and the exact description of Popery in the hypocritical disgise of this beast as well as his various acts, and the whole description ends with his mystical name which we have found to be Lateinos, or the King of Rome, and this king of **Rome** is the pope who has done and continues to do precisely the things foretold in the character of the two-horned Lamb-Dragon.

The two horns on the head of this beast represent two kings, and it is a fact that there were two kings over the Hierarchy at first, the Roman and the Greek, which afterward separated into the Roman Catholic and the Greek Catholic, each claiming universal dominion, as they now exist. Both came from the Roman Empire, both modeled their government after that Empire and the Pope at Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople, the City founded by a Roman Emperor, Constantine, still reside in the old capitals of the divided Empire. These fit the two horns on the head of this beast, and they are now in existence.

SUMMING UP THE WHOLE.

Taking the Vision of Daniel and the Revelation of John together, we see the four beasts of Dan. vii constitute the one beast of Rev. 13:1-10, their heads and horns number the same; the Little Horn rising on the head of the fourth beast in Dan vii corresponds with the Lamb-Dragon which rose after the first beast in Rev. 13:11-18, and they are one and the same. There is this difference: Daniel's

Vision does not show the source of the power and authority of those beasts, but the Revelation of John does show that this power and authority originated WITH SATAN; that he first incarnated himself institutionally in the world's political despotisms, and then reincarnated himself institutionally in the Lamb-Dragon Beast, which is Lateinos or the Latin Religio-Political Institution known in the world as the Roman Catholic Church. God built his church in Jerusalem. The Devil built his in Rome.



The Mother of Harlots.

CHAPTER IV.

THE "MYSTERY" OF "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER O FHARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

We now come to the study of another combination of symbols, but as the symbols are interpreted for us by the Bible, we shall have no trouble to understand them if we will simply apply the Biblical interpretation. And this

we will do.

Let us now read with care the XVII Chapter of Revelation:

REVELATION XVII CHAPTER.

CHAPTER 17.

1. And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many **waters:**

2. With whom the kings of the earth have committed **fornication,** and the inhabitants of the earth have been made **drunk with the wine of her fornication.**

3. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a **woman** sit upon a **scarlet coloured beast, full of** names of **blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.**

4. And the woman was arrayed in **purple and scarlet colour,** and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hands full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5. And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6. And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:** and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7. And the angel said unto me Wherefore didst thou marvel? **I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.**

8. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and **go into perdition:** and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was and is not, and yet is.

9. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.**

10. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12. And the **ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings,** which have received no kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13. These have one mind, and **shall give their power and strength unto the beast.**

14. **These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful.**

15. And he saith unto me, **The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues.**

16. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.**

17. For God hath put it in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18. **And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**

Interpretation.

You will notice there is a new symbolism introduced in this prophecy, which was written about A. D. 96. "The seven heads are seven **mountains** on which the woman sitteth." We have not seen "mountain" used in a symbolic sense before; but we have the interpretation in verse 9, "the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth." Now if we can find out what the "woman" represents, we can determine the full meaning; and the Book says, "the **woman** which thou sawest **is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**" What **city** ruled the world at the time this prophecy was written? ROME. The verb reigneth is in the present tense, that reigneth, now reigneth, at this time, over the kings of the earth. ROME, the Capital of the Roman Empire, was built upon **seven hills,** from which fact it is called "The City of Seven Hills," and the same city stands today on the same old hills, and all history testifies that it did rule the world at the time John wrote. But this "mountain" symbolism has a double meaning, for the next verse, (10) says "And there are **seven kings,** five are fallen, and one is and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh he must continue a short space." What are the facts of history? That Rome had **seven forms of government: "It was ruled by kings, consuls, tribunes, decemvirs, dictators, emperors who were pagan and emperors who professed to be Christian; five of these were extinct when the prophecy was written, one was then in being, the pagan emperor, and the other, the so-called Christian emperor was yet to come." Let us now look a moment at the symbolic meaning of "mountain" and we shall have our definition complete:** In Isa. 2:2, the Kingdom of Christ is called "The **mountain** of the Lord's House." In Jer. 51:25 the kingdom of Babylon is called a "destroying **mountain.**" In Ezk. 35 and 36 the kingdoms of Israel and Idumea are compared to "mountains." In

Dan. 2:35, and 44 the Stone which became a "**mountain" and filled the whole earth, is interpreted as symbolically representing the kingdom of God.** Here then are two symbols of kingdoms, beasts and mountains, beast represent their natures, mountains represent their exaltation. So now we can see that in the passage under examination, the "seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sittteth," and the "seven mountains literally are the seven hills on which Rome stands, and symbolically the seven forms of government inherent in Rome," or in other words, the Satanic despotisms of the world assume all forms, and complete the whole circuit of forms without changing their spirit at all. And thus this Harlot rode into power on the back of all forms of government existing in Rome at that time.

The Beast She Rode.

Not much need be said of this beast here. He has been identified and described in a previous chapter, as the Roman Pagan Empire, who derived his power, seat and authority from Satan. (See comments on Rev. 13:1-5.) But there is another feature of identity introduced here not used before of the beast. He is called a "scarlet coloured beast," whereas in Rev. 13:1-3 the colour is not given as here. By reference to Rev. 12:3 we have a description of "The great red dragon," which we saw in Rev. 12:9 was the devil, the Serpent, Satan, and now we may use the colour scheme of identification: The red or scarlet dragon transmits his power, seat and authority to the seven headed, ten horned beast, Rev. 13:1-4, later the same satanic power is also used by the two horned, Lamb-Dragon of Rev. 13:11-18, and now we come to the woman in scarlet and purple robes, riding the same seven-headed ten-horned beast which beast we have seen represented the Roman-Pagan Empire, as the two-horned Lamb-Dragon represented the Roman Papal Empire, or popery in its **political** phase, as this **woman** represents popery in its **ecclesiastical or church phase.** To sum up the symbolism we shall expect history to tell us, if this prophecy has come true, that the city of Rome, as well as

the church of Rome, rode into power on the back of the seven-headed ten-horned Pagan Empire. And this is precisely what history does tell us, and not only profane but also **papal history confirm this fact.**

If the reader will recall his symbolic dictionary at the first of this work, he will remember we said a "woman" symbolically represented both a city and a church. We have seen the plain statement that the woman of the passage being examined was " the great city which ruleth over the kings of the earth," and that city was undoubtedly Rome; but where do we find authority to say she also represents the **church of Rome?** To clear this point we must look into the question:

The reader will recall our views of this subject in Chapter III, on the "Woman," the mother of the "Man Child" on Rev. XII Chapter. We will now go farther and show that "Woman" symbolically used does represent a "church" as well as a city:

In Rev. 21:9, 10 we read: "Come hither, I will shew thee the Bride, the Lamb's wife; * * **and he carried me away * * and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."** Not the earthly city Jerusalem, but the heavenly Jerusalem, "coming down from God out of heaven." Now look at Rev. 19:7, * * * "let us be glad and rejoice for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready . And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen,** clean and white, for the **fine linen is the righteousness of saints."** Then we read Rev. 21:9 above and it tells us the bride, the Lamb's Wife, is the heavenly Jerusalem, a holy city of Saints, clothed in righteousness, coming down from God out of heaven. This holy City, the spiritual Jerusalem, is the Lamb's wife; this is his spiritual church or selected Company, whom he called out of the world, and with them he will come to conquer the world. Of this same thing Paul says in Gal. 5:26, "But Jerusalem which is above is free which **is the mother of us all."** The same Company is also mentioned in Heb12:22: "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and into the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusa-**

lem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to **the general assembly and CHURCH of the first-born, which are written in heaven, etc.**" Here we have both meanings, the Lamb's wife is the "city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem," and this Jerusalem is the **"General assembly and CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN." So therefore, the Bride, the Lamb's wife, is the holy city from heaven and that holy city is a great company of the saints of God, the "CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN." Therefore woman symbolically represents both a city and a church.** These may not embrace all the saved, they are the Perousia Saints, the "wise Virgins" who had oil in their vessels with their lamps, and were ready when the bridegroom, (Christ) came and went in with him to the marriage, while those not ready were left outside for the "tribulation" time. But this is not germain to our inquiry.

Having seen that a woman represents both a city and a church, and that the woman of Rev. 17 chapter represents **the City of Rome, we now proceed and say she also represents the CHURCH OF ROME.** Did you notice that the Bride, the Lamb's wife, was both the City **and the Church of God and both from heaven? The antithesis is, the woman of this passage is both the City and Church of Satan. In other words, Jerusalem, the city of God, was the place of origin of the church of God; while Rome the city of the Devil was the place of origin of the church of the Devil. And as the church of God is called the heavenly Jerusalem and the Bride of Christ, so the church of the Devil is called the earthly Rome and is the bride of the Devil.** We are but following the double symbolism in both cases and bringing out their double meaning.

Can we show that Rome was the seat of Satanic power? We have already shown it; the seven headed ten horned beast, the Roman Pagan Empire, received his power, seat, (throne in the original) and authority from Satan, Rev. 13:1-2. The two horned Lamb-Dragon, represents Romanism as a political power, a beast with a religious exterior and a devil inside, (Rev. 13:11-18,) who "exercised all the power of the first beast" which was satanic power; and as the two horned Lamb-Dragon represented **the political phase of popery, so this Woman of Revelation 17th Chapter represents the ecclesiastical or church phase of popery.** For, notice the similarity and identity: The Lamb-Dragon got his power from the Roman-Pagan Empire, or the first beast; so the woman who represents the Romish church and city, rode into power on the back of the same beast, or in other words, the source of power of each is identical. Look back in Rev. 12:2 and see the RED DRAGON, **the scarlet dragon, then trace his power to the first beast, the seven-headed ten-horned beast; from him trace it to the two-horned Lamb-Dragon, which represents popery in its political phase, and then again trace the same power as it is used to convey the woman who represents Romanism in its church phase; trace also the scarlet colour which came from the "red" dragon and see this scarlet beast ridden by the scarlet woman, and you will not only see the power but the very colour of the devil in both of them. The color does not come out in the original seven-headed ten-horned beast, nor in the two-horned Lamb-Dragon, but when the Romish church mounts the back of the Romish Empire, the devil's own colors come out in both and they are identified as the incarnation of the Devil himself, in heads, horns, blasphemy, color and everything.**

As a political power, then, Romanism is a devil in the garb of a Lamb. As an Ecclesiastical power it is a harlot riding the devil's own borrowed animal.

HISTORY.

Happily our task here is easy and not denied. Just the past year the Romish hierarchy has been celebrating the 1600th Centenary of the **establishment of Romanism as the State Religion of the Roman Empire.** The decree by Constantine, the Roman Emperor, was issued in 312, A. D. says Romanism, and they admit that it was a Roman Emperor who made their Church the Roman Empire church, and not the Christ. So here is the scarlet woman, still wearing the scarlet garments as of old, shamelessly holding aloft her golden cup and advertising her own shame, still wearing her blood-stained garments and glorying in the fact. Publicly proclaiming herself the

church which rode into princely power by decree of a Roman Emperor, sitting now upon her seven-headed, ten-horned beast of Pagan Political despotism, proclaiming the doctrines of that despotism and lamenting that the powers of the world have deprived her of her imperial purple, just as this chapter tells they would do, so that her very lamentations, as well as her garments, proclaim her the harlot weeping for her departed lovers.

And not only did the Lamb-Dragon get his power from Rome Pagan, but the Harlot rode the same beast into ecclesiastical power, took her very name from her Pagan animal, as well as the color of her clothes, glories in her origin and proclaims it herself, and to cap the climax of condemnation is making love to kings and political leaders now for another little liason of religio-political fornication.

The Character of the Woman.

A study of the character of this Woman, with her deeds, will bring out a series of awful facts. There is not another such dramatic condensation of accurate description of the character of an institution in existence; and history confirms the prophetic description in every detail. More than this there is **one and only one** institution on earth, known to history, whose character and deeds precisely fit this symbolic and prophetic description. But we have more than history, for even now the institution exists and the character description fits it precisely, and it fits no other. Let us take up in detail this description and examine it.

1. Her Clothing: "Arrayed in purple and scarlet colour." Purple is the color of royalty. Kings wear purple. Romanism assumes kingship, it claims for the pope that he is the only rightful political and religious ruler of the world. He wears purple and scarlet, wears three crowns, sits on a golden throne and his subjects count it an honor to bow and kiss and lick his feet. He is carried about lifted on a golden chair, borne on the shoulders of his vassals, plumes made of peacocks' tails are borne on either side, he is guarded by soldiers, he lives in a palace

costing millions, containing 11,000 rooms, and is addressed as "Holy Father, His Holiness, The Holy See, The Supreme Pontiff, The Vicar of Christ, Our Lord," and **"Our Lord God the Pope!"** The titles and honors and worship belonging to God alone are assumed by the pope. Yonder in prophecy is a purple woman representing an institution and here in history and in fact is the head of that institution, clad in purple, sitting on a golden throne, wearing three crowns, claiming kingship in God's room and stead over heaven, earth and hell, with the "keys of authority" hanging at his girdle, the sceptre in his hand. Popery alone fits the dramatic character description of the prophecy, therefore the woman is the papal hierarchy.

Scarlet. She wears scarlet with the purple. Scarlet is a sign of the harlot. We read that Ahab the harlot let a scarlet thread out of the window. Scarlet also signifies blood, danger, death. "The Red Light Ditsrict" in any city means the dwelling place of harlots. The red flag, the red light, are danger signals. See there are 72 men each wearing **red hats and cloaks!** Who are they and what does such clothing mean? They are Romish Cardinals, the men who elect a pope when the pope dies; these men select a common mortal and by the necromancy of a vote raise him to the "Holy See," put him in God's place, make God's agent out of him, and presto, he is "infallible!" Who made them Cardinals? The pope. Who made the pope? The cardinals. Popery perpetuates itself through the necromancy of Papal appointments. The world never saw a more palpable fraud.

But the harlot commits "**fornication.**" **We have seen in our symbolic dictionary that "fornication" means the unlawful marriage of a church to a political power.** The Bible doctrine is that the church is the Bride of Christ. **When a church forsakes its head and husband, Christ, and marries a State or political power, repudiates the authority and law of Christ and accepts the authority and laws of men, withdraws its allegiance from Christ and gives it to men, that church commits ECCLESIASTICAL FORNICATION.** When Constantine assumed power to rule in the kingdom of God, made the church the estab-

lished religion of the Roman Empire and himself the head of authority in Christ's place, then every church and pastor that accepted Constantine and the Empire as head of the church, repudiated Christ as head, put the Empire and Constantine in his place, and committed ecclesiastical fornication. This is precisely what the the Romish hierarchy did, she dare not deny; her celebration just the past year of this great event, identfies, condemns, brands her as the scarlet fornicator of the prophecy, her scarlet robes, her shameless boast of it, her history all show that she is institutionally the woman that mounted and rode into power on the back of the scarlet beast empowered by Satan; and, as she holds aloft the golden cup, filled with the filth of her own shame, and boasts her liasons with Pagan states, she advertises her fornication, and weeps that the powers of the world have repudiated her as a concubine.

From 321 to 1870 the history of the world confirms the fact that Romanism was or sought to be the concubine of the kingdoms of the world. She was in religio-political liason at one and the same time with Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, England, Austria, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, and all other states which would accept her. She bartered the assumed virtue of the divine right of the pope to rule the kingdoms of the world for God, to all sorts and sizes of princes, kings, potentates, powers and pretenders. The pope bartered human liberty for a price, he gave Ireland away to a bloody tyrant; he bartered the New World to Spain, he gave to Spain the Philippine Islands which title the United States recognized by paying Spain $20,000,000 for them. Humanity was a chattel in his hands, human liberty was a marketable product for the pope, since he claimed God had given the world to him, he could and did sell and give it away to whom he willed. Political despots needed an abracadabra to overawe the recalcitrant inhabitants of the earth into subjection to their tyrannies and taxes, and the pope was in the business of selling liberty for a price and then frightening ignorant humanity with a threat of excommunication from heaven and doom in

Purgatory and hell if they resisted the power authorized by popery. Political despots bought of popery the enslavement of the souls of men, and thus prevented their resistance to tyranny; popery demanded of its political amours that they keep their subjects obedient to the pope by force and they did so, and thus kept popery in power. If a would-be tyrant desired to commit political rape on a people, all he had to do was to go to Rome, pay the price the Pope demanded and then ravish human rights to his heart's content, the pope standing by and holding a crucifix, an anathema and a threat of hell if the victims resisted the tyrant. And if the rulers of the world refused to pay the price this ecclesiastical prostitute demanded, she issued her decree of excommunication against the ruler, absolved his subjects from allegiance and brought him to Rome a penitent beggar, to stand barefoot in the snow three days and nights, then bend the neck for the crunch of the pope's nasty foot on it, crave pardon humbly and agree to do just what the prostitute said in order to get anything. This whore sent her agents into Germany to peddle "indulgences," or to sell to men the price to commit sins of all sorts. It was not a fine for sins already committed, but a license to commit sin, paid for and receipted, the pope took the money and with it he built the Vatican, the pope's pile of a palace with 11,000 rooms in which he now lives. Thus the prostitute holds up her golden cup, filled with her own abominations and openly glories in the wealth which the world knows is the price of her shame.

It is said that when the pope's agent, Tetzel, was peddling indulgences in Germany, a man bought an indulgence to steal, then went and stole Tetzel's box of money. When prosecuted for it he presented his signed and receipted indulgence and was released.

Romanism is not only a political but an ecclesiastical prostitute. Claiming the powers to grant absolution or forgive sin, she peddles forgiveness for a price. The vilest devil incarnate can go to a Romish priest and get absolution. These lecherous devils called priests can outrage womanhood, betray virtue, enslave women, chain a

people to the car of their ecclesiastical, lying juggernaut, commit every crime in the calendar and then get together and forgive each other and presto, they are "Holy Men!"

Romanism invented Purgatory to scare fools, then demanded a price of the fools to get them out after they are dead, and the fools arrange with their heirs to pay it.

Her lecherous priests made celibates for a purpose, inveigle silly women into convents under guise of becoming "Brides of Christ" and devoting themselves to God. They are separated from family, friends, loved ones and all who can or will protect them, locked behind barred doors, stript of all property and protection, and then become the concubines of these lecherous devils who tell them that the priests are the representatives of Christ, and that when the nuns submit to them they are submitting to God himself! And for this damnable practice the priests themselves pay a license fee to the pope! This devil of lust puts on the garments of a saint, the devil the robe of a lamb, Satan under the name of Christ, and inveigles himself into the homes, into the confidence of simple women, and when they are made secure behind convent irons they lay aside the robes of saints and the devil himself stands up and says "I am the Christ whose Bride you wanted to be." This is the testimony of women who have been in these dens of abominations, when they have been converted to truth and saved from such lives. There is a constant stream of this testimofiy not only from women but also from priests who have been in these places. Against this testimony Romanism has but one answer, which is no answer: "Lies, lies, abominable lies!' But when the public demands investigation they lock the doors and howl "persecution," as though it was persecution to let God's pure sunlight fall into these places, and and let the eyes of men look on holiness! It is the last resort of these lecherous devils who conceal themselves under the name of Christ to practice prostitution.

We could write volumes upon this one abomination. For many centuries history testifies that this practice has obtained in Romanism, or since her priesthood was made celibate by papal decree.

We said above that the pope received a license fee from priests for keeping concubines. We will now prove that and then pass on: When Dr. Campbell debated with Bishop Purcell in Cincinnati in 1837, he made the charge and Bishop Purcell denied it bitterly. Then Dr. Campbell borrowed Liguori's Theology, the Standard work for Romanists and there it was. Read it in both Latin and English.

1. Latin: "Mulctas pecuniarias Episcopus sibi addicere non potest, quantumivis pauper sit, sine licentia Sedis Apostolicae (ut ex pluribus argumentia S. Congregat evincitur in Tract De Syn. Dioec L. 10. N. 2) Sed debent in usus pios expendi. Multos magis non possunt nisi in pios usus applicari illae mulctae, quas Tridentinum inflixit Clericis non residentibus, aut concubinariis.—" Ligor. Epit. Doc. Mor. Page 444.

2. English: "A Bishop, however poor he may be, cannot appropriate to himself pecuniary fines, without the **license of the Apostolic See.** But he ought to apply them to pious uses. Much less can he apply these fines to anything else but pious uses, which the Council of Trent has laid upon non-resident Clergymen, or **upon these clergymen who keep concubines." Lig. Ep. Doc. Mor. P. 444.**

That is to say, Liguori, the great Romanist Theologian, whose book is yet the standard of doctrine for priests, tells us the Council of Trent licensed concubinage, so that a priest by paying a fine or license fee to the Bishop of the diocese could keep a concubine. But the law provides that the Bishop must apply the prostitute money to "pious uses." Thus Rome sells to her own priests the right of prostitution for money; and all this in the face of the claim that the celibate priesthood of Rome are pure. No, Rome saw a chance to get more money, and so she goes after the cash! This is the same abominable Romish book from which Mr. Watson published a quotation in Latin containing the worse than filthy questions which Romish priests are required to put to women in the confessional, and for the publication of which he was indicted by a grand jury and is to be tried in the United

States district court. * So filthy is Romanism in its fornications that we dare not print the plain truth about it from its own books without subjecting ourselves to prosecution for obscenity. But instead of prosecuting and suppressing this filth of Romanism they propose to prosecute and suppress free speech and press for telling the truth on Romanism. When anything gets so absolutely nasty that common decency forbids that we speak or write that nastiness, it would seem the limit has been reached. Such is Romanism by its own books and the law of this country.

There she is, mounted on the beast, cup in hand, "golden cup" for the price of the filthy abominations it contains bring gold to Rome, with face of flint, garments of scarlet and her name branded upon her forehead:

"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. XVII:5.

A Blood-Drinker: "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." V. 6.

This description fits Rome Pagan as well as Rome Papal. The persecution of Christians under the Pagan Emperors was fierce and terrible; they were fed to wild beasts in the Collosseum, their clothes were saturated with oil and then set on fire to afford sport for the bloodthirsty heathen; they were required to fight wild beasts for their lives, they were set on by dogs and martyred in every conceivable fashion. Later, after Constantine had established a so-called Christianity as the religion of the Empire, the Papal Emperors, Popes and Pontiffs used the same means of persecution against the dissenters to Papal authority the Pagans had used against the Christians, and there began that long 1260 years during which not only the Roman Empire in its final decay, but all Europe was drenched with the blood of dissenting martyrs at the hands of Romanism. From Rome on to the Reformation times, the popes exhausted their devilish ingenuity to invent new tortures for those who refused

* The court dismissed the indictment in December, 1913.

to bow to the pope's authority. The political rulers of Europe, who received their crowns from the pope, in return undertook to suppress by force of arms all dissenters to papal doctrines and rules, and thus when popery sold to tyrants for a price the crowns and authority to rule over nations, it exacted of them that they hold their kingdoms and the people subject to the pope, and destroy every one who dissented. Volumes of Martyrology have been written, history sacred and secular are full of it, from the establishment of popery until the Reformation, so that upon the garments of the papal harlot will be found the blood of the Christian martyrs for a long millennium of years.

No wonder Romanism hates the Bible and does not want the people to read it! No wonder she hates history, especially Peter Parley, Ridpath, The Encyclopaedia Brittanica, Gibbon, Guizot, and all others who tell the truth about the bloody orgies of this ecclesiastical harlot whose garments are drenched to dripping with the blood of the children of God!

No wonder Rome hates the **Public Schools!** She knows that if the children read the history of Romanism in America her doom is sealed. No wonder she hates free speech and press. **She knows her own history and she is doing all in her power to prevent the truth from reaching the present generation. Ignorance of the truth of history is absolutely indispensable to her devilish purpose. This is the real secret of her unscrupulous and lying fight on the public school system. It is not because they are "Godless" as she falsely claims, for she is trying to drive the Bible out of them; but it is because she knows that history will brand her as the bloody harlot which she is, and the devil within is trying as he has always done to deceive mankind and so enslave them to Rome.**

No wonder her press howls at The Liberator and its editor as the "unspeakable Scarboro!" That she is almost lurid with blasphemy against Watson, whose incisive historical mind and pen have laid bare her damnable history to the gaze of the American public. No won-

der she vomits her anathemas at the "Menace" whose three quarters of a million circulation has put the hot irons of history to sizzling against her lecherous carcass! The few men and women who have escaped her foul cluthes in America, are exposing her unspeakable vileness to the public and she watches her red rags and raves and rages! Her petticoated prelates and priests are parading and posing, but at the same time nuns continue to escape and tell the same horrid story, and now the whole land is pulsating with a demand that America do what all Europe has done, open the vile dens of intrigue, infamy and conspiracy and drive the jesuits and traitors who abuse liberty to subvert this government, beyond America's borders and wash this land of the stench of her abominations.

Mother of Harlots. Political and Commercial.

Harlotry is the selling of virtue for a price. This Mother of Harlots had traded with every possible customer for profit and power. The City of Rome was a political commercial and ecclesiastical harlot; and the church of Rome was modeled after an empire which had made merchandise of every virtue for gold.

The harlot daughters of Rome, Pagan and Ecclesiastical, the institutions modeled after her system of extracting money from vices of all kinds, have cursed the world. Their baneful influence is seen in so-called present day civilizations which license vice, make money the price of crime and corrupt the conscience of humanity.

Nothing can surpass the description of the character of Rome and of "Babylon the Great," contained in Rev. 18th, which is an account of the fall and funeral of this "Mother of Harlots."

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, **and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. * * * For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."**

If we would understand the multiform character of her harlotries, all we have to do is to attend her funeral and see who are mourners there. They are:

1. **"The Kings of the earth, (political powers) who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her and lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning."**

2. **"And the merchants of the earth (commercial powers) shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more, etc."**

3. **"And every ship master (maritime commercial carriers) and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off and cried, * * Alas! Alas!"**

Kings or political rulers, merchants or commercial rulers, shippers, sailors, or those who profit by commerce in the great marts of Babel, these are the mourners at Babylon's funeral. These are the characters who have had commerce with Romanism, political, commercial, ececclesiastical, the fornicators who have sold and continue to sell everything degraded humanity will buy, in order to enrich themselves and hold place and power.

Who then, as institutions, are the harlot's daughters of Rome?

1. **Political Fornicators,** who sell human liberty, betray humanity and degrade mankind for place and power. The history of political despotisms is one long, awful, heart rending story of oppression and wrong. Nor have we to go back to the Dark Ages for examples; this bloodletting for purposes of power and plunder continues. It was reported that when the British government was censured by the world for blotting out the Boer Republic in South Africa, the British Premier justified the deed by asking: "If you saw a pile of 500,000 pounds sterling and 20,000 Boers sitting on top of it, what would do?" Every political despotism on earth has played the harlot. From Nimrod until today, the political powers of the world have robbed and crushed humanity. Let your mind run over the ages of wars and conflicts in which humanity has been butchered on a thousand battle fields to uphold the power and glory of political despotisms! Hear the long,

awful groan of the earth as millions die on gory fields! Mark the wails of widowhood and orphanage! Let the spirits of the millions slain pass before your mind! Rise up from the dust ye slain men of the ages and stand here and witness against the bloody monsters who demanded your lives to maintain their political power and glory! Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, England, Russia, China, Japan, Mexico, South America—the kingdoms of the world, ruled by despots and robbed by commerce. Here is one of Babylon's harlot daughters who still rides the scarlet beast and holds up her golden cup.

2. **Commercial Fornicators.** Next to ambition comes avarice. The spirit of greed has cursed the world for ages. Not content with enough, it demands riches, it covets, lies, steals, robs, combines, conspires, gambles, speculates. It cultivates vanity and pride and then feeds that vanity on its merchandise. Let us quote the inventory of its stock in trade given in Rev. 18th:

"The merchandise of gold and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vesels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron and marble, and cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves and SOULS OF MEN."—Rev. 18:12, 13.

It begins with gold and ends with **souls.** It runs the whole list of **luxuries, it mentions few of life's necessities.**

The great cities of the world the commercial centers, are Babylons of confusion, greed, vice and strife. They are built and operated to entrap. Pass by and behold "Vanity Fair," as they create and then cater to corrupt appetites and passions for a price. Mark their vast stocks of luxuries! Hear the babel of tongues! Mark the spirt of greed and avarice! See the hovels of poverty, the mansions of pride! See the red lights of vice in the night! Hear the revelers! Witness the afternoon parades and displays of their women! Look into this theatre

and see the nude women as they dance! Listen as the drunkard welters in his shame! Hear the harlots sing and mark their siren solicitations! Come to the police courts and see them collect the price of vice! Look into this board of trade meeting and hear men plan to rob a state, a nation! Take a look into this gambling hell. Go to the office of the great paper and see them sell space to liars at so much per column! Mark the municipal campaign in which commercial thieves fight for advantage! Hear the jangle of a hundred bells as they call men to worship under as many forms of religion! Listen as a poor woman sells her soul for bread in the shadow of institutions professing to be churches of God, whose members rob the poor to increase their pleasures and profits! Then go and hear a hundred men professing to be ministers of God, who dare not oppose this devil's market on pain of starvation at the hands of the hypocritical formalists who profess to be Christians while they run such a moral shambles! Then mark with what unanimity the whole brood glorify their splendid city and cover up under darkness and falsehood conditions which called the fires of heaven upon Sodom! Exaggeration? That is impossible. There are conditions this hour in the great cities of the world, in all lands, which are concealed by a sort of conspiracy of silence, and which all men know were never surpassed by those of any age or country. The man who dares the boldness to expose and oppose these conditions is set up as a "knocker." He must keep his mouth shut, his pen still, strangle his conscience and accept the price the harlot offers him or he is damned! But they are devoutly religious, to be sure. Behold their fine buildings! Do they not prove the piety of the city? If the Pagan temples of Rome proved Rome's piety, then the temples of a modern paganism may also prove its piety! But behold the army of priests! Do they not prove the city pious? Let the priests of Bacchus and the "Vestal Virgins" of the "Mother of Harlots" be our answer. Over this cage of every unclean bird, of every foul spirit, this "habitation of devils" they throw the glamor and glitter of the thing they call "civilization,"

and continuously attempt to make men believe the lie that they are not what they are. This is the **Commercial Harlot, another daughter of Rome.**

The revelation of commercial conditions in our country in the past few months have staggered the credulity of humanity. The investigations that have been carried forward by the National Legislature have shown a conspiracy of commercial robbery which ramified the nation. For forty years these conspirators against the people have lobbied, bribed, lied, cheated, robbed, deceived and defeated legislation in the interests of the people. They have been caught red-handed and the archives of the nation have been made the shame of the nation for all coming time by these exposures of commercial harlotry which would sell the people into commercial bondage for gain. Here is a nation whose total wealth is fabulous, and yet of its 100,000,000 people 72 per cent. are homeless and ground to commercial powder in the mills of trusts and the conspiracies of thieves!

3. **Ship Owners.** The Bible is a wonderful book. Its foresight is a wonder. The partner of the Commercial Harlot is the Transportation Harlot. She will mourn when Babylon dies, too. Behold the ships and the railroads! Mark how they tell us how they have built the country. Hear the thunder of their wheels and whistles! Are they not the sole means of making the world so rich? They say they are. But they do not tell us how through them the commercial harlot has impoverished the masses and enriched the classes until the wealth of the nation is piled in the lap of the commercial harlot. Has the truth never yet dawned upon the people that the same commercial harlot which owns the wealth of the nation also owns the ships and railroads, and the shipmasters and sailors are but another name for the same commercial power, which uses these means to rake and scrape everything possible out of the country and from the people and pile it in the cities and in the hands of the traders. In less than half a century we have seen the country impoverished and the cities become the centers of power and prestige in practically everything. The individual has been crushed and great corporations

control everything from cradles to coffins. And then their hired liars in press and on rostrum tell us how wealthy the people have become! It is a gilded lie. Our country is passing, as other countries have passed, under commercial and city domination and our cities are filling up with penury and poverty begging for a "job" and turning in the pitiful results of their toil to enrich their political and commercial masters. These are the political and commercial harlots born of the Roman idea of government, and they are plying their nefarious trade throughout the world.

The commercial ideal now followed by "Big business" is to put the world under tribute to wealth, make the armies and navies of the world the collecting constables, and reduce the world to absolute commercial vassalage. In their conception humanity exists for commercial purposes, exploit the nations, own the mines, forests, lands, homes, products, ships, railways, factories and levy tribute from every human being on earth to pour into the coffers of a greed insatiate, an avarice as conscienceless as it is cruel, and as blood-thirsty as the beasts used in Scripture to symbolize it.

Mother of Harlots Ecclesiastical.

As Rome Pagan was the mother of harlots political and commercial, so Rome Papal is the **Mother of Harlots Ecclesiastical.**

The Papal hierarchy is "an image of the beast," and is an ecclesiastical or church system built to do in the religious world what the Roman Pagan Empire did in the political and commercial world, overcome all human rights and liberties and subdue all things to itself.

In this symbolism Rome papal rides into power on the back of Rome pagan. As in the symbolic prophecy so in history. Rome glories in the fact that Constantine the Pagan Emperor of Rome made their hierarchy the paramour of the Roman state, gave her power, enriched her and set her on high. That hierarchy is just concluding a year of celebration of the fact, and denials are out of the question. The pope got his power from Rome Pagan, and he seeks all the powers of Rome Pagan and

to that would add dominion over the souls of men, make himself the arbiter of human destiny, the Vicar of God on earth, so that he can sit in God's place politically and religiously, rule the world and exact tribute from humanity in the whole realm of existence. Stupendous ambition! Blasphemous assumption! Satanic Incarnation!

Roman Catholicism is Roman-Paganism in a religious dress, a devil in a lamb-skin, the devil disguised as the Christ! And this so-called church prostituted herself to the kings and merchants of the earth for place, power and profit. Name a political despotism of all Europe with which Roman Catholicism has not committed or tried to commit ecclesiastical fornication! Out of her liasons with states there were other ecclesiastical institutions born, which like their mother, formed alliances with states, and sought power, not from the Christ and the truth, but from political despots to make themselves the ecclesiastical mistresses of nations. Did Romanism martyr dissenters? She did. Did Protestantism martyr Romanists and dissenters? It did. What Rome had done they did. And we must write down the sad fact that at least one of the ecclesiastical institutions born of Rome is today the "State Church" of England, the British king head of that hierarchy and it differs from Romanism more in name than in fact. Any State Church is a daughter of Rome, because it is born of that same adulterous relation with a civil power. Happily for the world, many of those who formerly belonged to the Protestant state establishments have left them and set up separate from civil power. They have come out of organic relation with the Mother of Harlots and her daughters.

The ecclesiastical harlotries of Romanism beggar description. It makes merchandise of everything it touches. In the whole realm of human interest it has a price, from the espousal preceding marriage to taking the soul out of purgatory after death, it is in the market. From its political side it will sell a kingdom while from its ecclesiastical side it sells salvation and postmortem deliverance. Lying and deception is a standard asset;

"the end justifies the means" a fixed principle, or rather lack of principle. It claims the earth and heaven, crowns the pope with a tripple crown and calls upon God and men to abide his decisions. The pope is its God, the church framed to do his will; the state is his "secular arm" with which to smite dissenters; anathemas and damnation the scourge of ignorance and superstition, assumptions, denials, affirmations and denunciations its evidence and arguments. It fulfils prophecy while it denies its own history; proclaims itself infallible but changes like the chameleon to suit the color of its surroundings. It exorcises the devil in religious disguise, but is the incarnation of the devil in religious disguise. It is the "Mystery of iniquity" whose deceptions are so vast and multiform it is described in Scripture as "the depths of Satan."

"Hating The Whore."

But there is another scene in this picture of prophecy we must notice:

"And the ten horns (kings) which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire." V. 16.

The smaller kingdoms carved out of the Roman Empire on its dissolution have all had to contend with Romanism, and for a long time the hierarchy dominated and dictated to them; but finally they turned upon the Romish power and resisted its assumptions, England, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Austria, have all repudiated popery as a state religion, and now Spain is disestablishing, and this prophecy is fulfiling before our faces. These kingdoms have expelled the Jesuits, investigated and exposed Convents, Nunneries, Monasteries and other secret Romish institutions, and even in Rome the state has repudiated the assumed "Temporal power" of the pope since 1870 and the process of stripping this mother of harlots naked and applying the fires of repudiation and dissolution to her rotten carcass is now going on. The pope's decrees and bulls which formerly sent terror through all Europe are feared now no more.

The pope is not allowed to interfere in national affairs in Italy any more, and his anathemas and official thunders terrify the people no more. The amours of former ages have been discontinued, the haggard mistress of the despotisms of the Dark Ages weeps over lovers gone and writhes under the tortures of disestablishment.

Popery has more influence and is tolerated to a greater extent in America today than it is in any part of Europe. When the pope issued his **Ne Temere Decree**, its publication was not allowed in Germany or England; France has regulated "Religious Associations;" Portugal has banished Romish political conspirators. The strong hand of political liberty has been laid on the neck of popery all over Europe and her enchantments and power are going. But in America, our own country, Romanism can promulgate its decrees, denounce our public schools, conspire against a free press, denounce free speech, institute prosecution and persecution against free citizens, openly boycott men who oppose her schemes in business, dominate and censor the daily press, dictate political platforms and openly and brazenly announce her determination to "Make America Catholic." America has become the stronghold of Romanism. It collects more money here than in any country on earth. It is shipping in millions of its most benighted and degraded subjects from Southern Europe and under our naturalization laws making them citizens and giving them the franchise, while our spineless politicians court it for votes and allow its corrupt institutions to flourish without inspection or regulation. Its aggression and corruptions have roused American citizenship, and the Patriotic and to some extent the religious press have awakened, or are awakening the people to organize and resist its encroachments. Americans also hate the whore and are beginning to eat her up and apply the fires of truth to her lecherous carcass. Romanism is making its last desperate struggle in America. The religious liberty and liberal constitution it despised and disowned has become its only shelter and it has taken refuge behind liberty to destroy liberty, become the viper in the bosom that warms and protects it.

With three red-hatted and scarlet cardinals and all the adjuncts of its harlotry in full display it struts up and down the stage of America thinking to gain power here by the medieval processes it has used all the ages. But it is marked, branded, numbered, labeled, identified and known here and its blasphemous assumptions and hypocritical pretenses only excite the contempt and disgust of every man who knows its history and its principles.

We are in the beginning of a struggle with Romanism in America which must end either in the destruction of our liberty and our Republic or be the grave yard of this "Mother of Harlots" at whose funeral the angels and saints of God will shout a chorus of hallelujahs.

Here on American soil we have absolute liberty in conflict with absolute Despotism. The most corrupt and despotic institution of the ages has invaded and proposes to conquer in its own territory the purest democracy, the highest form of liberty known on earth. The eyes of earth and heaven are upon this conflict. It will be an ecclesiastical Armageddon. The conflict is on and every American should count it an everlasting honor to be counted in the ranks of those who give battle to this "Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth."

CHAPTER V.

THE DOCTRINAL IDENTITY OF ROMANISM.

Institutional Romanism an Apostacy from Christianity.

Prophetic and Historic Proof Complete.

"In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." We have gone briefly over the symbolic prophecies and they agree that Romanism is the Institutional Incarnation of Satan, its powers and authority derived from Rome pagan, which derived its power from Satan. And this we found true of Romanism both as a **political and religious** institution.

We now take up another line of evidence, prophetic and historic, but not symbolic; it is didactic and emphatic, stating plainly the doctrines and practices of Romanism, and making the identity so clear and plain that no evasion or denial is possible. The declaration of the New Testament that the doctrines and practices of Romanism, as it now exists in the world, are "of the Devil," clinches and concludes our argument with a climax from which there is and can be no appeal, unless indeed there be an appeal from the Bible. Rome elevates "tradition" and the "decrees of councils" to the same plane of authority as Scripture, but not even Rome herself has dared to raise them **above** Scripture; so if Rome herself should appeal from these Scriptures the only result would be to array tradition and decrees **against** Scripture, and show Rome to be what she is, an enemy of the Word of God. No matter what answer she attempts the passages we shall now quote brand her as the identical institution described in them.

Romanism an Institutional Apostacy from Christianity.

The following passage fits Romanism exactly and foretells it as an Apostacy, as an institution, from Christianity:

"Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

"2. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

"3. Let no man deceive you by any means: **For that day shall not come EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY** (apostacy) **FIRST, and that MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, the SON OF PERDITION;**

"4. **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that HE, AS GOD, SITTETH IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD, SHEWING HIMSELF THAT HE IS GOD.**

"5. Remember ye not that when I was yet with you I told you these things?

"6. And now ye know what withholdeth, that he may be revealed in his time.

"6. **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work, only he who now letteth (hindereth) will let (hinder) until he be taken out of the way.**

"8. **And then shall THAT WICKED BE REVEALED, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, (the truth) and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

"9. **Even him whose coming is AFTER THE WORKING OF SATAN, with all power, and SIGNS, AND LYING WONDERS.**

"10. **And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.**"—II. Thess. 2:1-10.

INTERPRETATION.

1. Apostacy. That Romanism is a falling away or Institutional apostacy from Christianity, doctrinal, organic and practical is a fact. Not even Romanists themselves dare deny their institution was set up as a state religion by a Roman Emperor, Constantine, not by Christ, who said "My kingdom is not of this world, if it were then would my servants fight, but now is my kingdom not from hence." But the kingdoms of Rome were of the devil, and the kingdom of the papacy is from Rome's Emperor, the papacy itself being witness. Nothing

could be farther from the simple democracy of the church of Christ in its organization and government, than the Romish Hierarchy. This will be plain if we just recall a few great kingdom laws Christ laid down for the government of his church:

"The princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise AUTHORITY UPON THEM, BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YON."—Matt. 20:25, 26.

This law prohibits the exercise of dominion and authority by men in the kingdom of Christ; it matters not by what name or under what pretext that dominion and power seeks to conceal or justify itself, the law **made by Christ prohibits absolutely, the exercise of it in the whole realm of his kingdom. Here is, with respect to human laws and authority then, an absolute democracy, in which every one is equal; a brotherhood every one of whom is subject to Christ alone with respect to dominion and authority, and it is impossible to set one over another** without a direct violation of this great law. And yet Romanism has set this law aside, and in its place has reared its own laws and its own authority, thus repealing and nullifying both the laws and the headship of Christ. This is a most fearful apostacy then from **New Testament Christianity.**

Romanism bases its whole governmental system on the false claim that Christ made Peter a Pope, the Vicar of Christ, and through him and his successors delegated his power to them to rule the world, religiously and politically. **This is the organic soul of popery. And it bases this alse claim on its interpretation of Matt. 16:18 "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Also I give unto thee the keys of of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

It makes Peter the Rock, declares Christ built the church on him, and gave to him (Peter) the keys of the kingdom of heaven and vested him, as the Vicar of

Christ, with the power to bind and loose on earth and in heaven. This monstrous doctrine that God built His church and delivered to mortal man not only its doctrines and ordinances but the very keys of heaven, so that he took God's place; that God thus abdicated His kingdom into the hands of one man and his successors in office for all time, went on a vacation and has this man transact all His business for him with respect to this world's affairs in government and the salvation of men, this, we say, is the backbone of popery. If this interpretation of the passage is correct, and the interpretation applies to the Romish hierarchy, then to resist that hierarchy is to resist God. This is Rome's proud, defiant, blasphemous claim, under which she demands the subjection of the human race to the pope as unto God himself; under which the pope "sits in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

We shall tarry here, then, to examine the passage and its context, to see if Rome's claim is true or false: Let us read the passage in full:

"When Jesus came into the coast of Cesarea Phillippi, he asked his disciples saying, **WHOM DO MEN SAY THAT I, THE SON OF MAN, AM?**

"And they (the disciples) said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

"And Simon Peter answered and said, **THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.**

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, (son of Jona) **FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED IT UNTO THE, BUT MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.**

"And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

"Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he **WAS JESUS THE CHRIST."** Matt. 16:13-20..

What subject is Christ discussing? His own identity, **WHO IS THE SON OF MAN?**

He asked his disciples what men were saying about him, as to his identity, and they told him some said he was John the Baptist, others Elias, others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Then he asked the disciples whom they said he was, and Peter answering for all of them said, **THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUBJECT.**

Then Christ told Peter that GOD HAD REVEALED THAT TRUTH TO HIM, and pronounced his blessing. Peter believed that Jesus was the SON OF GOD. This was his FAITH in Jesus.

Peter's faith built him into the body or Church of Christ.

Christ is the **Foundation.**

"Other foundation can no man lay than that it laid which is Jesus Christ. I. Cor. 3:11.

"And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner stone." Eph. 2:20.

"Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone; a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." Isa. 28:16.

"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the lamb." Rev. 21:24.

Christ is the Chief Corner stone, the Foundation, the "tried stone," and upon him as Foundation was laid other stones, the Apostles and Prophets, and after them, tier on tier, have been built, as ages have passed, other believers in Christ:

"To whom coming as unto a **Living Stone,** disallowed indeed of men but chosen of God and precious, (Isa. 28:-16) ye also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house,

an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." I. Peter 2:4-5.

Mark well, this is Peter's own construction of the Savior's language as to the building, the very man of whom the Romanists say he was the pope, this man writes to the "strangers scattered abroad throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia—to the "elect" that **they** also are built up a spiritual house, on Christ, who is the Chosen Stone, and himself quotes Isa. 28:16: "Wherefore also, it is contained in the Scripture, Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the **stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner."** Ibid. 6:7.

Peter and Paul both tell us that Stone, that foundation was Christ. Popery tells you it was Peter. Peter and Paul both dispute popery flatly, in the New Testament. Whom will you believe, Peter speaking for himself, or the pope claiming to speak for Peter and for Christ?

But more than this: Peter wrote a letter to the scattered saints of God, naming the countries in which they were scattered, and tells them they are also built upon this Corner stone, Christ, making them equal with himself in the spiritual house of church of God.

If Peter was the first pope he did not know it, and certain it is that he disputes flatly the interpretation of Romanism when it says Peter was the foundation, for he says it was Christ and quotes the Scripture in Isa. 28:16 to prove it.

Therefore, Peter himself disputes by inspiration of the Spirit, the interpretation of Matt. 16:18 by the Popes and Councils of Romanism. If Rome tells the truth Peter told a falsehood. So much for the Foundation. God made Christ the foundation and Peter says the House (church) was built on Christ. Christ was the foundation and Peter was the first stone in the building, built in by faith in the Divinity of Jesus Christ.

THE KEYS.

Faith is the key to the kingdom of heaven. It unlocks the rich treasures of grace to all who have faith. "By whom we have access by faith into this grace, wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:2. **Every believer then has a key and access by it into grace.**

The thought is that all believers in Christ are not only stewards to whom the owner of the House has committed his goods, but also heirs of God through Christ, and have responsibility in the distribution of the bread of life through the preaching of the gospel. They understand the mysteries, can unlock the secrets of the kingdom and reveal them to others, they have access to the blessings, and responsibility for their custody and must give account.

In Luke 12th the Lord spoke a parable to his disciples concerning the stewardship, to all of them:

"Let your loins be girded about and your lamps burning, and ye yourselves like unto men **that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding;** that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself and make them to sit down to meat and shall come forth and serve them," etc.

"Then Peter said unto him, Lord speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

"And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, **whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, TO GIVE THEM THEIR PORTION OF MEAT** in due season?

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

"Of a truth I say unto you that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

"But and if that servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming, and SHALL BEGIN TO BEAT THE MEN-SERVANTS AND THE MAIDENS AND TO EAT AND DRINK AND BE DRUNKEN (like the popes have done).

"The Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh

not for him, and in an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder and will appoint him his portion with unbelievers." —Luke 12:35-46.

In what sense has the Lord made his stewards **"rulers"** over his house or church? In the sense of stewards, feeders, shepherds, housekeeprs, not **masters.** These words were spoken in answer to Peter's own question, and they were spoken to all the disciples, the others as well as Peter.

This same language is used in Matt. 18:18, where the Lord giving the law concerning dealing with a tresspassing brother, directs that the man who will not"hear the CHURCH," **the whole congegation, "let him be to thee as a heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you (the whole church) whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." Christ has clothed the church, the whole local church or congregation, with the power to enforce his law in that congregation, and the member who will not abide that law is to be expellled, and this action is ratified in heaven. Here are the keys of the kingdom for discipline, vested in the whole church, the local church, a congregation to whom the complainants may tell their grievance, a thing they never could do to a universal hierarchy.**

There was no hierarchy of any form in New Testament churches; they were simple brotherhoods, under the laws made by Christ, which laws forbade authority to men. They received and expelled members, elected their own officers and managed their own affairs without interference or control by any outside authority. The transition from this democratic simplicity to the Romish hierarchy in organization and government, was an organic apostacy, which matured in the complete subjugation of the local churches to the central power, and was a complete repudiation of both the laws and authority of Christ, and the elevation of the pope into his place. Simultaneously there was a corresponding apostacy in doctrine from the gospel of Christ to the ceremonials of paganism, from the spiritual to the ritualistic, and the

two together constituted a complete doctrinal and organic apostacy from original Christianity, so that nothing was left but the name.

PETER REPUDIATES POPERY.

No New Testament writer has recorded a plainer repudiation and refutation of the claims of ruling power made by popery, than Peter. Had Peter been vested with such authority as popery claims for him, it is amazing that neither he nor any other New Testament author ever mentions such thing; that all the New Testament churches should have acted as if absolutely ignorant and independent of it. In addition to this Peter himself clearly repudiates and disowns it. Let us read an extract from one of his letters on the precise point:

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed; feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, **not by constraint,** (anagkazoo—force or compulsion) but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind; **neither as being LORDS over God's heritage, but ensamples to the flock. And when the CHIEF SHEPHERD shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."** — I. Peter 5:1-4.

Notice three things about this passage. Rome says Peter was the pope, the master, lord, ruler of all the churches and pastors, as well as the political ruler of the world. And yet this man Peter, for whom Rome claims such augmented authority, wrote the above language. He ought to have known his own official position and relation to the pastors and churches, and certainly he should have used it when addressing the pastors; and if he was pope or master here is the place to say so and to insist upon their obedience to him as such. But he says: (1) "The elders (Presbyters) which are among you, I exhort, (not command) which am also an ELDER, etc." He uses sumpresbyteros, a co-elder, an **EQUAL OR ASSOCIATED PASTOR.** Thus he distinctly disavows superiority or authority, for he **exhorts** and does not **command.** (2) "taking the oversight (Episcopoime—shep-

herding) not by **constraint,** (compulsion, as if a superior had appointed them), but willingly, (voluntarily—which would have been impossible had they had masters in the ministry,) not for filthy lucre (base gain) but of a ready mind." All of which not only shows they were Peter's official equals, but also that the pastoral relation was voluntary and not under constraint or compulsion or authority; it was not to be sought for profit or base gain, ut the relation was spiritual. (3) "Neither as **BEING LORDS OVER GOD'S HERITAGE, BUT ENSAMPLES TO THE FLOCK." They were not to act as Lords or Masters, but their power was to lie in their good example, they were to be patterns for their people. Put this language of Peter along side of the encyclicals of the popes; compare it with the modern titles demanded and received by the popes, "His Holiness," "Pontifex Maximus," "Our Lord," and "OUR LORD GOD THE POPE,"** and you will readily see that Peter distinctly disowns such authority and title, and exhorts his co-pastors to avoid it. Then to cap the climax read the law laid down by our Savior to the apostles in Matt. 20:25, 26—"The princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great **EXERCISE AUTHORITY UPON THEM, BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU."** Again in Matt. 23:10 he said: "Neither be ye called **MASTERS. FOR ONE IS YOUR MASTER, EVEN CHRIST."** Thus **after** Christ had used the language in 16:18 depended upon by Romanists to prove Peter was pope, he laid down the double prohibitory law quoted above **forbidding them to exercise dominion or lordship over each other, and forbidding them to take or wear the title of Masters, rulers, or as the original means, leaders.**

The Romish interpretation of Matt. 16:18 is therefore in the face of the positive prohibitory laws of Christ, in the face of Peter's own positive disavowal of such authority, and in the face of the entire letter, spirit and genius of New Testament teaching on the subject.

But the New Testament precisely describes popery in its blasphemous claims, in its description of **"The Man of Sin, the son of prdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."** II. Thess. 2:4.

The pagan Roman empire "let" or hindered for a time the establishment of the Papal Roman hierarchy; but when the pagan empire waned then came the papal empire, at its head the pope, who proclaimed himself God's Vicar; that he was in God's place, holding the keys of heaven, earth and hell, with power to open and shut heaven, bind and loose, and exercise all the functions of godhood, so that he "as God sat in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God." No other mortal on earth ever made such a blasphemous claim; no other institution than popery on earth ever even approximated in practice a fulfilment of this remarkable descriptive prophecy, both as to its chronology and character, but popery precisely fulfills both.

You remember that in the description of the Lamb-Dragon which represents the political phase of popery, the statement was made that he exercised the power of Satan, transmitted to him through the Seven-headed, ten-horned beast; also that in the description of the Mother of Harlots we were told she rode into power on the back of the scarlet beast, which beast received his power from Satan, and this woman represents the church phase of poprey. So here in the passage under examination we have the statement: "Even him whose coming is **after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders; and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, etc." Therefore this "Man of sin," this "son of perdition," appears "after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders," so that he is doctrinally and practically identical with the Lamb-Dragon, as a political power, with the harlot as a church power, derives his power from the same source, sits in God's temple as popery has done, and proclaims himself very god to mankind, while the true God has gone on a vacation and turned heaven, earth and hell over to him!** That is what popery has done and continues to do, it is the only institution on earth that ever made such a claim and there-

fore the passage aplies to Romanism and cannot apply to anything else.

Thus the Word of God not only repudiates and disowns the Papal interpretation of Scripture, but also describes and identifies the pope as the "Man of sin, the son of periditon, * * Whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." Hence the papal system is the institutional incarnation of the working of Satan, the pope is the "Man of sin," who opposes and exalts himself against God and sits in the temple proclaiming himself God, and accepting that title when his deluded subjects fall down and kiss his feet and call him, "Our Lord God the Pope."

"DOCTRINES OF DEVILS."

But the evidence against popery is both cumulative and conclusive. The Scriptures are so clear, in passing from the symbolic to the didactic, that there can be absolutely no doubt as to the origin and identity of popery. We will hear Paul, in I. Tim. 4:1-3:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, (apostatize) giving heed to seducing spirits and **DOCTRINES OF DEVILS**: speaking **LIES IN HYPOCRISY**, having their conscience **SEARED WITH A HOT IRON**; **FORBIDDING TO MARRY** and **COMMANDING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEATS**, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Paul not only tells us there would arise an apostacy teaching the "doctrines of devils," but also what those doctrines of the devil are, "FORBIDDING TO MARRY AND COMMANDING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEATS." What institution teaches both those doctrines of the devil? Popery. Behold its celibate priesthood and nuns! Who forbids them to marry? Popery. Name another institution which does the same thing. There is no other now, but pagan Rome had both orders in the priests of Bacchus and the "Vestal Virgins,'" from which popery borrowed this doctrine of the deevil. Who "commands to abstain from meats?" Popery. The faithful must eat no meat

on Friday, or during "Lent." There is the positive statement in the Word of God that these are the "doctrines of devils," and here is Romanism dinning both doctrines in our ears, and doing it in the name of God! And not only so but we are told these apostates would have "'their consciences scared with a hot iron, speak lies in hypocrisy," so that they are conscienceless, hypocritical liars when they teach these doctrines as the doctrines of God; they are of the devil; and here again de we find Satan incarnate in this conscieneeless, hypocritical, lying institution.

Only a Satanic institution will teach the devil's doctrines.

Romanism does teach and practice the doctrines of the devil.

Therefore Romanism is a Satanic institution.

A FALSE PROPHET.

Let us hear Peter's brief prophetic description of that Romanism which falsely and blasphemously tries to make a pope out of Peter in the face of his own denial:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be **FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU**, who privily (for gain) shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord (despoten) that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words **MAKE MERCHANDISE OF YOU**, whose judgement now of a long time lingereth not and their damnation slumbereth not."—II. Peter 2:1-2.

Are "doctrines of devils" heresy to the Christian religion? These are the doctrines Romanism has brought in, as Paul declared it would, and we know they are the doctrines of popery. Peter said false prophets would come in and teach heresy. Romanism has arisen and teaches heresy, even the doctrines of devils in the name of God. Therefore Romanism is a false teacher. And why has Rome done this? Because the devil is in it.

The passage above quoted from Peter, is very signifi-

cant in the original. "Denying the DESPOTEN." This word means ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY, the authority of a despot or one who rules in his own right. Our word "despot" comes from the same root. It means that these false teachers or heretics **DENY THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST, who rules in his own right. Popery does not deny the divinity or atonement of Christ. It proclaims loudly the Christ as Divine. But it assumes his authority, vests it in the pope and relegates the law and authority of Christ to the rear; then blasphemously puts the pope and Romish tradition in the place of Christ and his law. Thus it denies the despoten or absolute authority of Christ by robbing him of them with a lie. This heresy is described exactly in the words "hairesis apoleias," used in the original. Apoleipoo means to leave behind, to forsake, to desert; and this is a heresy which leaves the authority of Christ behind, thrusts the authority of the pope in front and puts the pope in the seat, authority and place of Jesus Christ.**

Thus Peter whom Rome would make pope, has not only repudiated popery as we have seen before, but here he by inspiration points out the exact organic and institutional heresy of popery as "hairesis apoleias" or the heresy of denying the absolute authority of Christ, leaving Christ in the rear and placing the pope and his law and authority in the front. This is precisely what popery has done and continues to do, and Peter tells us it is a "damnable heresy.'

Let those who think the form of church government and orgaization have nothing to do with Christianity, ponder over this passage and its context, ask themselves whether a kingdom divided can stand. It is no light matter to thrust the authority and laws of Christ aside and erect in their places the authority and laws of men. This is a damnable heresy of Romanism, and all who practice it are following Rome. There is a DOCTRINAL and ORGANIC heresy. It is organic heresy which divides and destroys unity and peace; and Romanism has organized a hierarchy which severs the subject from the laws and authority of Christ and places him under those

of the pope. Any system which substitutes human laws and authority for those of Christ over churches, is organic heresy. It dethrones the Christ and enthrones men in his place; it practically abrogates and repeals his laws and substitutes those of men. It dethrones the divine and enthrones the human, it is of men and not of God.

Thus popery is identified by the Scriptures as the author of this "damnable heresy" and Peter says it brings "swift destruction." As soon as Romanism introduced this system, fellowship, unity and peace departed; and since that day there has been a ceaseless warfare between the authority and laws of the Christ on the divine side, and those of the pope on the human and Satanic side. With respect to human authority, the Kingdom of Christ is a pure democracy; the authority of men is absolutely prohibited; with respect to the authority of Christ, it is a kingdom in which the authority and law of Christ are absolute, a DESPOTEN if you please. The laws and authority of men thrust into the government of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, are an insult to the wisdom and authority of the Christ, an infraction of divine rights and prerogatives and a heresy of such magnitude that it destroys at once the fellowship between those who follow Christ and those who follow men. Let us quote:

"ALL AUTHORITY (exousa) hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth."—Christ in Matt. 28:18.

This leaves no authority for angel, man or devil, either in heaven or on earth. Put this beside the pope's blasphemous claim that Christ has given "all authority" to him, and you will see how the pope is against the Christ, and is an anti-Christ. This was spoken by the Christ after the crucifixion, just before the ascension, long after the words popery would make the popes authority to rule, and contradicts Rome's claim.

"The princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion (katakurieuousin) over them; and they that are great (megaloi) exercise AUTHORITY (katechiousinzousin) over them. BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU." Matt.20:-25, 26.

The word "ethnon" here rendered Gentiles, is in many

places rendered heathen. (See Acts 4:25; II. Cor. 11:26; Gal. 1:16; 2:9; 3:8; Matt. 6:7, etc.) Heathenism and Paganism are synonymous terms; so here Christ calls the attention of his disciples to the pagan manner of ruling by placing one man in authority over others, a fact he tells them they know; and then definitely and particularly charges them that it shall not be so among his disciples. And mark it well, this is in Matt. 20:25, 26, was spoken after the words in Matt. 16:18 on which Rome constructs the power of the pope; and it positively prohibitst the exercise of authority in the kingdom of Christ to men; and this is the very thing that popery does. Mark another fact: There had been strife among the disciples who should be the greatest; the mother of Zebeddee's sons had come to the Lord and asked him to "Grant that these my two sons, may sit the one on the right hand and the other on thy left in thy kingdom." He told her "Ye know not what ye ask, . . but to sit on my right hand and on my left **IS NOT MINE TO GIVE . . but for whom it is prepared of my Father.**" And then he uttered the great law in the 25 and 26 verses of this chaptre. If you will notice in the King James Version you will find the words "It shall be given to them" are in Italics. They are not in the Greek text. James and John are seeking the chief place through the intercession of their mother. The Lord rebukes them for their ignorance in asking for something when they knew not what it meant; then he told them the places they sought were not his to give. He could not divide his authority with men. If we examine the context we find Peter telling his co-pastors that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory." The rewards of the faithful will be given when Christ returns to the earth again. James and John wanted high places here on earth in the kingdom. Christ rebukes them, tells them they are ignorant, that what they ask **is not his to give.** So that in addition to the law prohibiting it he tells them he cannot give it to them. And yet here is popery affirming that **Christ gave Peter a position which Christ said he could not give, and that Peter and the**

apostles repudiate and yet the popes all exercise the precise authority which Christ positively forbids to men.

The whole system of papal government is a model of Paganism, the very customs of the heathen which Christ forbade have been adopted by popery in the face of Christ's law and his declaration that he could not give such authority in his kingdom!

Once again we shall let the Scriptures speak in no uncertain terms:

"Wherefore God hath also highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that **every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,** to the glory of God the Father."—Phil. 2:9-11.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the mountain-top of the New Testament in organic Christianity, just as the Atonement by his blood alone is the mountain-top truth in salvation.

But Romanism has blasphemously assumed both Lordship and salvation; for the authority of Jesus it substitutes the authority of the pope; for the law of Christ the law of the pope; for the atonement by the blood of Jesus, the "sacrifice of Mass" in which a priest manufactures a Christ out of bread, and blood out of wine, and offers the "Eucharist" makes a sacrifice or "sacrament" of a ceremony and feeds salvation to the man by the stomach instead of giving it to him through the merits of Christ by faith. Thus it perverts and subverts not only the law and authority of Christ, but the plan of salvation as well, and not only transfers the authority to rule but also to save to popery and the priesthood, and damns with anathemas all who dissent to its blasphemous assumptions and Satanic rule. It is the devil's own masterpiece of forgery and falsehood, doctrinally and organically.

The pope, the "Man of sin and son of perdition," sits in God's place both to rule and to save, to judge and to deliver, to bless and to curse. He is proclaimed infallible, or exercising the functions of the Holy Spirit in all matters of interpreting Scripture and guiding men in the

things of God and salvation, so that to all practical intents and purposes he is **a very God to all men, in all things.** And he does this in the face of the plain prohibitory laws against human authority, in the face of prophesy and history proving the whole diabolical scheme is of the devil; that the devil is institutionally incarnate in it; and when we point out these awful truths in the word of God, history and present day facts, the whole papal institution, in its Lamb-skin of political and ecclesiastical deception, raves at us like the devil it is on the inside; nay more, when we show that Romanism is the Harlot riding the beast, she answers by boasting her beastly fornications with political powers, seeks to renew them, mounts and rides again and holds up the cup of her abominations and boasts of her past achievements.

And when we pass from the organic to the doctrinal side of her career and show that she is now teaching and practicing the doctrines and heresies of the devil, and point out and identify particularly those identical doctrines and practices, she goes on with her heresies, puts herself on parade, advertises herself as the same, and clinches the evidence by exhibiting the deceptions and spirit of the devil himself by trying to strangle the truth and deceive the world with her same old lies. Jesus Christ said the devil was the father of lies. He acts the lie, he speaks lies, he organizes lies, he preaches lies, he lies on God, he lies about himself, he lies about the Bible, he lies about God's people, he lies about the plan of salvation, he lies all the time, about everything, in all places; for that is the one great power of the devil to deceive the world with falsehood. And since we have shown conclusively from the Bible, that the devil is incarnate institutionally in popery, need we expect anything of popery than that it will be one stupendous, mysterious, conscienceless, Godless, organic, doctrinal, political and ecclesiastical lie?

Here is a "mystery of iniquity" which exhausts all language and leaves the soul amazed at the stupendous wickedness which dares defy heaven and make a mock of God. For a thousand years and more great minds and

writers have contemplated it, studied and written upon it. Milton, in his immortal poem, "Paradise Lost," speaking of the Apostles and these same prophecies concerning popery, which we are now studying, sang:

"They die, but in their room, as they forewarn,
Wolves shall succeed for teachers, grievous wolves,
Who all the sacred mysteries of Heaven
To their own vile advantages shall turn
Of lucre and ambition, and the truth
With superstitions and traditions taint,
Left only in those written records pure,
Though not but by the Spirit understood.
Then shall they seek to avail themselves of names,
Palaces, and titles, and with these to join
Secular power, though feigning still to act
By Spiritual; to themselves appropriating
The Spirit of God, promised alike and given
To all believers; and, from that pretense,
Spiritual laws by carnal power shall force
On every conscience—laws which none shall find
Left them enrowled, or what the spirit within
Shall on the heart engrave. What will they then
But force the Spirit of Grace itself, and bind
His consort, Liberty? what but unbuild
His living temples, built by faith to stand—
Their own faith, not another's? for, on earth,
Who against faith and conscience can be heard
Infallible? Yet many will presume:
Whence heavy persecution shall arise
On all who in the worship persevere
Of Spirit and Truth, the rest, for greater part,
Will deem in outward rites and specious forms
Religion satisfied; Truth shall retire
Bestruck with slanderous darts, and works of Faith
Rarely be found. So shall the world go on,
To good malignant, to bad men benign,
Under her own weight groaning, till the day
Appear of respiration to the just
And vengeance to the wicked, at return

Of Him so lately promised to thy aid,
The Woman's Seed, obscurely then foretold,
Now amplier known, thy Savior and thy Lord;
Lost in the clouds from Heaven to be revealed
In glory of the Father, to dissolve
Satan with his perverted World; then raise
From the conflagrant mass, purged and refined
New Heavens, new Earth, Ages of endless date
Founded in righteousness and peace and love
To bring forth fruits, joy and eternal bliss."

The writings of the Reformers against the pride, arrogancy and pretensions of the pope make up a polemic classic beside which there is nothing equal in the whole realm of polemic literature. They have pilloried popery, in prose and poetry; and with the Apostles and Prophets they everywhere connect the reign of popery with Satan, just as we have shown the Bible declares. That Satan has incarnated himself institutionally in popery is no new doctrine, but as old as the Bible and as true as the gospel of Christ. The amazing thing in this time is, that so many people who boast of education and culture should be so densely ignorant of this awful fact, which is taught both in the Bible and by those who have made a study of its sacred pages, and by those who have written upon the subject.

The books of Daniel and Revelation were the sledge hammers used by the Reformers to break the hold of popery on Europe, the beacon lights which illumined the pathways of those who desired to know the truth; and they will guide us into the truth concerning this monstrous "Mystery of Iniquity" if only we can induce this benighted age to study the Bible and history.

Having shown that popery is of Satan, we shall get much light on the subject if we now turn to the subject of the Kingdom of Satan and study what the Bible has to say on that subject, and then bring that knowledge and apply it to the studies in the preceding chapters. And this by Divine permission we will now do.

CHAPTER VI.

THE KINGDOM OF SATAN.

Good and evil, right and wrong, virtue and vice are facts; they are here and no matter what our views may be as to their origin, all must admit the facts of their existence.

Philosophy breaks down when it undertakes to account for the origin of these facts, as well as when it undertakes to cure the evils it is compelled to see and admit.

Here man needs revelation because none but God can fathom the truth and make it known to men.

The works of God attest His existence and nature. So the works of the devil attest his existence and nature. The belief that there is a devil is as universal as the belief there is a God, and behind the evil it finds the existence and nature of Satan. This is the doctrine of Christianity, and we better hold to it until we find a better.

Let us come ot once to the subject:

THERE IS A DEVIL.

The Bible tells us it was the "Serpent" tempted Eve, and through the temptation came the fall of man, and by that one transgression "sin entered the world." The Old and New Testaments everywhere speak of the existence and work of Satan as facts. Jesus was tempted of the Devil, a personal devil. Quotations would fill a book. The Bible is full of this doctrine. Not only the Bible but mythology and tradition are also full of it. It has been a universal belief of humanity.

ORIGIN OF THE DEVIL.

"And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; (devil) and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neithere was their

place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the **Devil and Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. . . Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, etc.**"—Rev. XIIth Chapter.

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto the judgment." II. Peter 1:4.

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, until the judgment of the great day." Jude 6.

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days, but lo, Michael, one of the chief princes came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." Dan. 10:13.

SATAN A FALLEN ANGEL.

"I beheld Satan as lightning, **fall from heaven.**"—Christ in Luke 10:18.

The doctrine of the Bible is that Satan is a fallen angel, the chief of the angels "which kept not their first estate," but "sinned" as a result of which there was war in heaven, Michael the Arch Angel leading the holy angels and Satan leading the fallen angels, and the Dragon and his angels were defeated and cast out of heaven and their leader the Dragon was "cast out into the earth" and "came down into the earth," in consequence of which the cry was raised, "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea, for the **devil is come down unto you.**" Of these fallen angels it is said, they "kept not their first estate;" they rebeled against the law of God made for their government and were defeated and cast out of heaven. Such are the brief but significant teachings of the Bible on this subject.

The relative chronology of the fall of angels and man would place the fall of the angels before that of man;

for when Adam and Eve were created and placed in Eden Satan appears there to deceive them and introduce sin in the world. The Scriptures attribute the origin of sin and death in the world to Satan; and they make Adam the Federal head of the whole human race, teach that all died in Adam. Per contra they make Christ the Second Adam or Federal Head and in Him they find the conqueror of Satan, the Deliverer and Savior of men from the power of Satan, sin and death, and the restoration of the world to its proper Sovereign God after the conquest of the world from the dominion of Satan.

The clearest exposition and condensation of these great doctrines of the Bible in existence may be found in Milton's "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained;" they follow the Scripture thought and construct the whole conflict between God and Satan over the government and salvation of mankind, from the casting of Satan out of heaven, on through the fall of man, until the restoration of the world to its primeval glory and happiness, and the government of that God who made it for his glory.

THE KINGDOM OF SATAN.

The Scriptures teach that Satan took dominion over fallen men; and that he has ruled the kingdoms of the world. We shall not take time or space to quote all the passages on the subject; a few will be convincing to all who believe the Bible:

1. The Scripttures teach that Satan or the devil enters into and controls individual men and women:

"A dumb man possessed with a devil." Matt. 9:32.

"one possessed with a devil." Matt. 12:22.

"My daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." Matt. Matt. 15:22, and numerous other passages. We read that the Lord cast a legion of devils out of the man of Gadara; and that he cast seven devils out of Magdalene, and no doctrine is more plainly taught in the Scriptures than that devils enter into and possess men and women and that Jesus Christ cast them out. Here then, we find

Satan ruling and ruining individual lives, and none could deliver them from Satan's control but God.

2. The Scriptures teach that Satan enthrones himself in communities and rules there.

"I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat (throne) is." "where Satan dwelleth." Rev. 2:13.

The place was Pergamos. There was a church there but Satan had a throne there and ruled among the people who opposed the Christ.

The individuals controlled by Satan unite themselves, make common cause to oppose all good, and are the servants of Satanic motives and mastery.

3. Satan captures men and rules them.

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, **who are taken captive by him at his will.**" II. Tim. 2:26.

4. But above all Satan has set up his authority and power over the kingdoms of the world, and incarnated himself in both political and ecclesiastical despotisms.

This we have already shown in the chapters gone before, how he "gave his power, seat, (throne) and authority" to the terrible beast, which we saw was the Roman Empire, then later the same power was transfered to the Lamb-Dragon, which represents the political phase of Romanism, and last the "Mother of Harlots" rode into power on the back of the same beast whose power and authority was derived from Satan. But there are other passages which teach the doctrine plainly:

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine." Luke 4:5-7.

You will say this is the devil's language and is false. Christ did not dispute his claim. But Christ did teach that Satan had a kingdom:

"If Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself: how shall then his kingdom stand?" Matt. 12:26.

Would he have spoken of Satan's kingdom if Satan had no kingdom?

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this world against spiritual wickedness in high places.**" Eph. 6:12.

"Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." ibid. 11.

The word "wiles" is from Methodeias, and it means crafty ways, cunning and artful plans. And in standing against these wiles of the devil he tells them they are wrestling with "principalities, powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world;" the political princes who ruled the benighted people of the world, were but the instruments of Satan through whom he exercised his powers and artful plans to deceive and enslave mankind.

Just before he was crucified the Savior said:

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for **the prince of this world cometh,** and hath nothing in me." Jno.14:30.

"According to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.**" Eph. 2:2.

"But this is your hour and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53.

If we but reflect a moment to consider related facts, we shall get more light. Satan entered into Judas to induce him to betray Christ. The consumation of the plan to crucify the Christ was led by Satan. He used Judas, the Pharisees, the Roman power, all. Christ knew the plan of Satan, he recognized his coming as that of the "Prince of this world," and the completion of the plan as the "hour and power of darkness."

THE CHARACTER OF SATAN.

If we study the character of Satan, and then apply the knowledge gained to the subject of his kingdom, we shall understand it better.

1. First of all, Satan is **a deceiver, a liar.** Over and over again we are told he "deceiveth the whole world."

Of him Christ said, "When he speaketh a lie he speaketh his own, for he is a liar and the father of it." Jno. 8:44.

He began his career with the human race by deceiving Eve with a lie. And in order to make the lie acceptable he connects it with the truth, usually a great and very important truth, putting the truth forward and connecting the lie with it so artfully that the victim will accept it believing he is following the truth. To Eve he said, "ye shall be as God's knowing good and evil," which was true, but then he attached the lie, "Ye shall not surely die." To Christ he quoted Scripture, a promise which was true, but then he tried to induce the Lord to presume there is no danger in the face of a promise, which is a lie.

We are told "Even Satan himself is transformed as an angel of light."

He not only speaks but acts lies. He will personate an angel in disguise, in order to deceive men. He seeks always to conceal his real character and intention, just as all liars do. So artful is he that he can fire men with zeal to do his work and at the same time make them believe they are "doing God service," as Saul of Tarsus. In the disguise of helping and protecting mankind he set his sattraps to rule on earth, filled them with his spirit, made them believe that despotism was of God, and for ages ruled mankind as with a rod of iron. This cunning craft is his chief characteristic and by it he has wrought ruin in the world. He is never so successful as when posing as a champion of religion, disguised in a lamb-skin of holiness and innocence.

2. He is bold. "The devil as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour." Where he has power he throws off disguise, and exhibitts himself and demands subjection. He invokes fear, selfishness, pride, ambition, and sets men on high and pulls them down to suit the occasion. Until he reaches power he continues the disguise, but once in power he crushes without mercy.

3. He is resourceful. He marshals and organizes his forces to do his work. He knows the weaknesses of mankind and uses them. He holds out the things men love and makes them believe the lie that they can find happiness in evil. The temptations he placed before the Christ were appeals to appetite, ambition, presumption, avarice.

4. He is persistent. Milton compares him to flies which return to the pressing of the grapes, to waves which dash against the rocks, only to be shattered and return again. We are told when he was cast out of heaven to the earth, he "is come down unto you, **having great wrath because he knoweth he hath but a short season.**" God has placed a time limit on the activities of Satan in this world, and with all the hatred of God there is in him, he is using the time to work all the ruin possible. The mystery of this divine permission for Satan to operate on earth is beyond our comprehesion, but its permission gives humanitty a school of experience which for aught we know is a discipline preparatory to a higher state of existence and a broader field of activity and service. We are made for eternity, and the occupations of eternity may require souls tried in all the fires of temptation in order to develop powers needed in the plan of God. We are taught that Jesus Christ will return to this world, conquer Satan, cast him out and restore a new heaven and a new eath wherein dwelleth righteousness. Till then we must wait and suffer and look for his coming which is to the end the trials and conflicts.

Meantime there has arisen various schools and teachers, who have theories of their own respecting these mysterious mattetrs. The agnostic declares he does not know and yet he dogmatizes about the Bible. If he does not know, then the Bible may be true, and that ends it. The infidel boasts his superior mentality and laughs the Christian to scorn for believeing in the Bible and the Christian religion; but he has the same evils to face we have and while rejecting the Bible and God he has found no other remedy and is unable to refute the Bible. Another school has come along to tell us there is no devil at all, just our own badness makes things evil; but that evil is here he admits and has found no cure for it. Where there is so much devilment it indicates there is a devil. Another school has been teaching there is no hell, just annihilation when we die, as the beasts and so there! But

when we ask for some proof of his theory he undertakes to argue from the mercy of God with his justice left out. A modern school has discovered, they claim, that evil is in environment; but to save our life we cannot help believing it takes more than environment to change the nature of a rattlesnake. They tell us if we will just feed and clothe humanity and let them have good houses to live in the Millennium will be here immediately; and yet these are the same people who declare that the best fed and clothed people in the world are the worst. They claim the Christ was the original expounder of their creed, but when Christ speaks of Satan, sin, the devil and hell they leave that out. They put their philosophy of evil before the doctrine of the Christ whom they profess to believe. A very popular school now consists of those who propose to educate sin out of humanity, sin is simply ignorance, nothing more, and when we are all educated we will be all right. But the world is still waiting for a sample of the man whom education has saved from sin. A very late discovery has been made, said to be very scientific, namely that it is all a mistake about sin anyhow, in fact there is nothing at all but spirit and God and good and we are all a part of that God and good, but we have been too ignorant to know it; in fact the whole thing is imagination, we really do not exist, we just imagine we do, and the experiences we call life and living and suffering are all but manifestations of the "divinity within us," at least they imagine that is the way of it. To cap the climax comes the free thinker laughs at all the rest of us because we are not free like he is, cannot think great big independent thoughts like he can, and wonders why we remain so ignorant of the facts in the case. But when he undertakes to construct a philosophy with a working hypothesis he has to come down among the rest of us and content himself with either faith or philosophy, and the trouble with his philosophy is there is not an idea in it but was advanced 2,000 years ago. A few years ago a free thinker had much to say about "New Truths." It sounded large. But an old preacher said he would give him a hundred dollars

for any new truth he would produce, and when he offered the supposed new truth, the old preacher proved it was advanced by Buddha, a Hindoo, two centuries before Christ, and there was no proof that it was truth at all.

But why this seeming digression here? This the reason: Satan having long deceived mankind with this plan and that, seems to have fallen upon a new plan of farther deceiving them by seeming to oppose himself. We have seen that according to Scripture he is incarnated institutionally in Romanism. The world has advanced in knowledge and has largely rejected the Pagan dogmas of Romanism, in other words the trick of Satan has been discovered and they are turning away from Satan in the religious disguise. Now he assumes the other disguise. He becomes a champion of learning and philosophy and leads in the opposite direction. But no matter which way he leads he leads away from the real Christ and the inspired Word of God. If he can make a man a ritualist and cheat him out of regeneration and faith he has got him. On the other hand, if he can make him an infidel to deny God he has him, so in either case he is a lost man. If neither plan will work he will make him say he believes the whole thing is nothing but imagination any way, and so holds him. Anything to keep him from the truth and salvation.

Romanism is not the only agency the devil has for destroying humanity. He has used that to deceive men religiously, to make them believe the Christ has turned over to the pope his business of saving men and gone on a vacation, but it makes no difference to him what lie men believe so long as he can keep them from truth, God and salvation. He has so planned and schemed as to throw the world into utter chaos on the subject of salvation, to array one part against another, one sect against another, and to oppose some false thing to every thruth and every fact known. And he has gone on multiplying differences until men are utterly confounded with religious contradictions, so much so they have come to a time they accept the new doctrine that the whole thing is simply imagination, until they deny the materiality of their own exist-

ence and believe a devil's lie contradicted by their very existence. When men reach that state it is too late for them to even discover they are plain fools. And thus Satan has turned philosopher, made men fools and made them glad they are fools.

All this is strictly in keeping with the character of Satan as a deceiver. What other resources he has we do not know, but we are told "In the last days perilous times shall come," and surely if there ever was a time of peril and trial to men who tried to follow Christ and maintain the faith, doctrine and life taught in the Bible, that time is now. Both our religious and political institutions are passing through the testing fires. The clouds are low and the threatening thunders of the coming storm roll on apace, while waiting faith looks for " a star and love listens for the rustle of a wing."

But in the midst of all this we have an added witness for the inspiration of the Bible, because its prophecies foretold this very time and condition; it is fulfilling before our faces and so our faith turns to that Holy Book and we press it to our heart and look up and wait; we believe it still, and the darkness of the storm in this evening time of the world's deceivings only strengthens our faith in its truth. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," is its strange prophecy which we see fulfilling all around us daily.

Then too there is anothe line of prophecy foretelling the degeneracy of the last times: "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, boasters, proud, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, covetous, inventors of evil things, covenant breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof." See II. Tim. 3:1-5. These conditions are upon us now.

Yet another line: "In the last days there shall be scoffers, walking after their own lusts and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" etc. II. Pet. 3:3. They are here. On our table lie papers filled with just such

scoffings at Christianity and the Bible. These people are fulfilling Scripture prophecy literally, and have not knowledge enough of the Bible to know they are proving its truth to those who know what it teaches. They think to convert us against the Bible and the Christ, but the influence they exert is precisely in the opposite direction, their own conduct is proving its truth.

Why have we introduced this great confusion? These multitudinous contradicitions? Because we are trying to show you that Satan has a kingdom in this world, and that kingdom is a kingdom of falsehood, confusion, contradictions. No sane mind can believe that God is ruling or that he planned and inaugurated such contradictions and confusions. The Bible, and the wide spread volumes of nature show that God is not the Author of confusion. But the confusion is here as we all know, and the Bible which foretold these precise conditions, tells us that they are the product of the work of Satan ruling among men. This Babylon in the world, this confusion and contradiction is the product of false philosophy and faith. Men have believed lies; the devil is the father of lies and so we know he rules men who believe his lies, for he deceives them by lying and deceiving rules them. This is his kingdom then and not until Jesus Christ comes again will men be free.

We have no time or words to waste on the man who knows it all. All history is witness that mankind cannot invent a philosophy nor devise a system by which to deliverr themselves. Every theory devised by men has broken down when it tried to construct a paradise out of depraved humanity. Empires, Democracies, Kingdoms, Commonwealths, political and ecclesiastical, have all failed to cure human depravity. Good laws, well enforced may segregate the vicious and ameliorate conditions, education contributes something to make conditions better, organization and cooperation may restrain the vicious, but in the end they all collapse and leave humanity the victim of the same depravity. There is an evil power somewhere, a mighty force which resists every effort of

mankind to reach better conditions; a spirit which enters into men and blinds them to truth and right and hurls them into ruin, even against their own wills. Avarice, ambition, appetite, lust, vanity, are degrading passions of the human heart which cannot be cured by laws, rules, external applications or ceremonies nor by philosophical dissertations on ethics. The disease lies deeper than such remedies can reach, it involves the very nature of mankind. And when to depravity ignorance is added and to ignorance an abiding indisposition to inquire after truth, there is a trinity of evil forces which combine to enslave mankind under the dominion of evil from which neither themselves nor their deceived fellow men can deliver them. The remedy then, if found, must come from elsewhere beside human nature or capacity, must be of God and not of men. So depraved and avaracious is man that he will even make religion a matter of merchandise, will speculate and profit on the depravity and degradation of his fellows. There is nothing holy or sacred enough for man to respect or reverence in the face of his degraded passions. His depravity is all-consuming and complete. Then to cap the climax he is so depraved that he will deny his depravity, and try to conceal it behind a false profession and a religious cloak. Here he imitates the devil whose chief asset is lying and hypocrisy.

SATANIC NATURE EXHIBITED.

The despotisms of the world have exhibited precisely the spirit of Satan, on a world-wide scale. Apart from the Jewish Theocracy and later the kingdom, every political despotism on earth has exhibited the spirit and method of Satan in dealing with mankind. The kings were voluptuous, lecherous and covetous to a degree past describing. Not content with taxing their own subjects, their avarice and ambition was boundless; they wanted to rule the world, to devour it for their own use, so that the history of humanity under their sway was but one, long, dark night of oppression and indescribable cruelty. The political diplomacy of the world was a veneer of cunning lies for a purpose, and such is true now of

every despotism. "The end justifies the means" is the policy of despotisms always and everywhere. To serve the purpose of such despotisms humanity has been marched to battlefields and butchered by countless millions. The masses knew not why they were slain, it was enough for them to die for the king and the kingdom, to offer up body, mind, soul, all to serve the despot whom they were taught to believe had been appointed chief butcher and ruler by God himself. To die for the king and the kingdom was to die for God, no matter if they were on precisely opposite sides of the question. They had gods and lords many, and could make more to order. The kings could create religious systems and appoint priests to serve their purpose, for since he was appointed of God all his acts were to be accepted as the acts of God by deputation. The spirit of the devil was in the despots, the object---the oppression, subjection, degradation and destruction of humanity; and the cunning of Satan was to make mankind believe that his agents were God's agents and thus enthrone himself in the place of God over mankind. This is the doctrine revealed by John in Revelation. The Devil incarnated himself institutionally in the four great despotic empires of the world and used those powers to despoil mankind through long and agonizing ages. Thus Satan established his kingdom among men, ruled the world through its political despots and made men believe this was the will of a good and holy God. Stupendous lie! Amazing ignorance and superstition of humanity!

Is it a wonder that God, thus slandered and maligned, heard the cry of humanity? Is it a wonder the world longed, waited, looked for a Deliverer? Is it a wonder God sent help to men? And is it a wonder that when the holy Christ came, the first public speech he ever made was a quotation from Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set **at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable**

year of the Lord." Luke 4:18, 19 and Isa. 61:1, 2.

God heard the world's cry and he sent Christ to preach liberty, to heal wounds, to pity and help the poor, to deliver the captives. And we repeat it for emphasis, his first public utterance, just after his temptation, was to quote this wonderful passage from Isaiah, in the Synagogue in Nazareth, where he grew up, to the home folks, and it sounds the key note of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And a gospel and a Christianity that does not oppose despotism and oppression, cruelty and cunning, is neither the gospel nor the Christianity of Christ. The curse of this age is a Romanized system of both political and ecclesiastical despotism and oppression, systems made for the use and profit of the masters, the people subjects and slaves and the masters pampered and petted. Ridpath, in his great history, sums up the lessons of history in most forceful manner thus:

"The first and most general truth in history is that men ought to be free. If happiness is the end of the human race, then freedom is its condition. And this freedom is not to be a kind of half-escape from thralldom and tyranny but ample and absolute. The emancipation, in order to be emancipation at all, must be complete. To the historian it must ever appear strange that men have been so distrustful of this central principle in the philosophy of human history. It is an astonishing fact that the major part of the energies of mankind have been expended in precisely the opposite way—in enslavement rather than the liberation of the race. Every generation have sat like a stupid image of Buddha on the breast of its own aspirations, and they who have struggled to break their own and the fetters of their fellowmen have been regarded and treated as the common enemies of human happiness. On the contrary they have been the saviors and benefactors of whom the world has not been worthy. The greatest fallacy with which the human intellect has ever been beguiled is, that the present—whatever age may be called the present—has conceded to men all the freedom which they are fit to enjoy. On the contrary no age has done so. Every age has been a Czar, and every reformer is thereatened with Siberia." * *

"One of the greatest enemies of freedom and therefore of the

progress and happiness of our race, is over organization. Mankind have been organized to death. The social, political and ecclesiastical forms which have been instituted have become so hard and cold and obdurate that the life, the emotion, the soul within has been well nigh extinguished. Among all the civil, political and churchly institutions of the world, it would be difficult today to select that one which is not conducted in the interests of the official management. The organization has become the principal thing, and the man only a secondary consideration. It must be served and obeyed. He may be despised and neglected. It must be consulted, honored, feared; crowned with flowers, starred, studded with gold. He may be left a starving pauper, homeless, friendless, childless, shivering in mildewed tatters—a scavenger nd beggar at the doorway of the court."—Ridpath, Ch. CLXXIII.

Despotisms of all kinds and forms, have reached out ther selfish hands to rob humanity of liberty, light and happiness. They have assumed all power and then used it to degrade, rob, crush and wreck humanity. The world has been only a great battlefield betwixt the forces of Right and Wrong, Good and Bad, God and the Devil; and every man has to contend with these forces in life and contribute his part to the support of one or the other. To write all of it would be to write the history of humanity, a thing not possible. The conflict is still on and will reman until some power above man reaches down and strikes down forever the arms of Satanic rule and ruin among men. This is the Promise of the Christ, the hope of the world. It is the one star of hope that shines resplendent in the heavens and which keeps the souls of men from sinking in a midnight of eternal despair. Rev. XIXth. pictures the Christ riding forth in power and glory to conquer the Dragon, Beast and False Prophet and cast them into hell. The Dragon is the Devil, The Beast is political despotism and the False Prophet is ecclesiastical despotism. The three make up the ruling powers in the kingdom of Satan against which Christianity wrestles in age-lasting conflict.

Christianity means more than the saving of the souls of men in after ages; it means the religious, political and

commercial emancipation of men from the heels of despots of all kinds; it means liberty from the dominion of Sin and the Devil, and of all the agencies he has incarnated and in and through which he controls the world. The man is a plain fool who thinks to emancipate men from the dominion of the devil and sin by denying the existence of the devil and sin. That is but to repeat the devil's own lie and complete his trumph. He is a simpleton who would claim to believe in and follow the Christ, and yet deny and dispute the awful truth taught by Christ that Satan is the "prince of this world." The man who is oppressed and robbed and is so ignorant he does not know who or what oppresses and robs him, is ignorant indeed; and yet there are those who attribute all of this to mere environment, deny there is a devil, a hell, or sin, or hereafter, and think to save men by merely moving them into good houses and clothes. They seem never to have discovered the fact that the trouble is **internal**, not external, and that it is **regeneration** rather than **readjustment** men need. Of them the Christ, whom they profess to believe in, said, "They be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch."

ROMANISM THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL DESPOTISMS.

There is not a single false principle in the whole realm of despotic rule which is not found incorporated in Romanism ecclesiastical. It has appropriated and incarnated in itself all the doctrines, agencies and practices used by the despotisms of the ages to enthrall and rule mankind.

1. It has appropriated the doctrine of rule by Divine Right, and applied it to the pope in matters political and ecclesiastical, making him at once the representative of God in the whole realm of government, combining in this triple despot legislative, judicial and executive authority for both men and God, placed three crowns on his head, and with this devilish doctrine swept from the minds of

its deluded victims the liberties of both God and men. Both God and men must wait on the Pontifex Maximus of Romanism. Thus it sums up all despotisms and deposits them in one man, declares him infallible, seats him in God's place and demands universal subjection. And this doctrine of the devil enthrones the devil over humanity in the name of God, it wraps the Dragon in a lambskin and enthrones him in God's place. It is the quintessence of all villainies, the sumum unum of all blasphemies. It is the sum of all tyrannies, the essence of all falsehood, the unification of all forms of despotism and it includes even the liberties of God himself. This is the devil's master-piece, the apex, the very throne of his kingdom on earth. It exhibits the spirit and method of Satan as a whole and in detail, in all fullness and completeness.

2. The details of this stupendous system will show that Romanism has followed the tactics of Satan and placed in front of every stupendous falsehood it teaches some great truth in Christtianity. Behind the divinity and authoritiy of Christ it has assumed and placed the divine right, the vicegerency and infallibility of the pope. It admitts Christ divine and all-powerful, but it steals away that divine right and authority and transfers all to the pope, and then demands that we shall recognize the pope as in Christ's place. Thus the entire government, legislative, judicial and executive is transfered from Christ to the pope by the necromancy of an assumption and falsehood, in the face of the Word of God and the plain laws of Christ, the pope is made both Lord and Lawgiver, the Christ is dethroned and men are subjected to the devil who built this blasphemous system. But it is orthodox on the divinity of Christ.

Take the Atonement: It teaches that Christ died for sinners and is the Savior of men. No man can charge heresy to popery on the Atonement. But when it comes to the **application of the atonemeent**, Romanism loads on the great Biblical doctrine the devil's own lie, **that the benefits of the sacrificial death of Christ are dispensed by the pope alone, ceremonially**, that the priests of this sys-

tem are the dispensers of forgiveness, absolution and salvation; that men must confess to a popish priest as unto God, that the priests make and offer up a real Christ in the "Eucharist," and that they forgive sin, officially, by authority of the Pope delegated from him who received it from Christ. And thus it thrusts two of the devil's lies in between the truth of God and the sinner, namely ceremonial salvation and delegated divine authority, and sends men to the pope for salvation instead of Christ.

In the ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, it perverts the design. The simple and impressive ordinances are memorials; the Lord's Supper symbolizes the shedding of the blood of Christ for the remission of sin. Romanism erects it into a sacrifice, declares it literal and not figurative, not a memorial but a real sacrifice, and instead of teaching that men are justified by faith and saved by grace it teaches that they are saved by eating a piece of bread, or feeding salvation to men as food. Baptism it erects into regeneration and teaches that unless men, even babies, are baptized they cannot be saved. Its ritual shows that it regards baptism as the act of regeneration. Thus it perverts an ordinance designed to teach the burial and resurrection of Christ into regeneration and robs the Holy Spirit of his office work in regeneration and the soul of the victim of eternal life. Thus is deceives by connecting a satanic falsehood with the truth of God.

In educational affairs it demands that it alone shall teach. It opposes vehemently any and all education which does not become subservient to its doctrines and behests. It opposes free speech free press, religious and political liberty and demands on pain of eternal damnation, that all men shall surrender their own God-given intellects, minds, consciences, liberties into the hands of popery. Here is a despotism universal in its demands, brazen in its assumptions, conscienceless in its pretensions.

It has borrowed from the decayed and decaying Paganism of the past a whole brood of ceremonies, exorcism, celibacy, robes, rites, forms crowns, parades. display, image worship, deification of the saints, worship of saints

and angels, and has thus incorporated the rites of idolatry and hidden them behind a pious pretense of worshipping God.

It has arrogated to itself a peculiar and official sanctity in its priesthood and imposed celibacy on priests and nuns to impress the world with its sanctity, and then hides its professedly celibate priests and nuns behind darkened walls and cloistered retreats where they practice sexual infamies and murder their offspring.

It demands that all temporal power shall be recognized in the pope as the Vicar of Christ; that kings, potentates, governments, states, commonwealths may exist legally only by the gracious permission of the pope, for the good and peace of mankind. And when it was thus recognized it spent a thousand years butchering men who dared to read the Bible and preach the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, using the temporal power as a sword in the hands of the pope for the destruction of those who questioned or refused his authority. From Nimrod to Nero the world never produced a more heartless and cruel despotism than was exhibited in the popes of the Dark Ages.

The papacy even assumes rights which God himself never claimed. Among them we may mention the power to absolve men from an oath. This blatant blasphemer not only assumes the right to rule, but also the right to absolve men from the most solemn obligations made to God himself, and the popes have used that right to absolve and at one stroke destroy a legally constituted government, as when the pope absolved the subjects of Henry VIII, king of England, when that monarch repudiated the power of the papacy. What reliance can be placed upon a system so monstrous that even a solemn oath made to God may be set aside by it to farther its base designs? What reliance can be placed upon the loyalty of a citizenship who have taken oaths of allegiance to government, but who accept the dogma that the pope can absolve them from it? Where is the wisdom in placing such men as these in the army and navy, or in office of any kind or character. The pope by one stroke of the pen may release all of them on the very govern-

ment they have sworn to uphold, and thus destroy in a day what required ages to build. What becomes of honor or honesty under such a system? It is no wonder the governments of the world have repudiated and continue to repudiate such a system.

More than this popery requires that its subjects shall take oaths of subjection and allegiance to the pope in all things. His claim of temporal power therefore involves papists in the contradiciton of taking oaths of a contradictory character, the one to support say the American government and another to support popery which we know to be, by its own avowed principles and claims, the enemy of that government. We have an example of what popery can do for governments, now transpiring in Mexico. Madero was the lawfully elected president of that Republic. Huerta was his commander in Chief and of course under oath to support the prisident, the laws and constitution. But he betrayed Madero, then assassinated him, and in the last few days has arrested and imprisoned the Mexican Congress and made himself dictator over a people who do not want him. Huerta is a Romanist, the tool and agent of popery in Mexico; and now the "Catholic Party" has nominated a man for president and Huerta has tried the short cut to dictatorship. What was his oath of allegiance to the Republic of Mexico worth? Not as much as the paper on which it was written. And what popery is now trying to do in Mexico it is ready to do in America when it thinks it has the power. Such men as these advertise themselves as traitors to truth in advance; such a system as this is utterly destructive of all sense of moral obligation and honor in citizenship and is a blow aimed at the very foundation of character. But it is Romanism at this time.

True to the spirit incarnated in it, popery will cast off its disguise and become a raving beast on occasion. Strip it of the lamb-skin under which it is religiously disguised and expose its real character as a religio-politcal despotism, and then you will hear the howl and the curse of the Dragon inside of it. It has played the double role of saint and devil, as occasion arose, since its formation

until now; and while it is now posing in the United States as a purely religious institution and making blatant claims that it is the loyal friends of this Republic, it is stripped of disguise, has launched a Catholic political party in Mexico and by perjury, falsehood and assassination is trying to blot out political liberty and make the pope master in Mexico. Thus it is showing both its Janus faces at the same time, in the same hemisphere.

And not alone in Mexico but even in the United States it is showing its dragon teeth and howling against free speech and press, trying to rule by the mob, shedding red American blood and conspiring to subvert the liberties it professes to love and enjoy.

That this is its spirit, is abundantly evident in the horrible oaths it requires its subjects to take. That the student may see for himself its real character let him peruse the oaths in the next chapter, and he will find the real spirit of popery. It has hade a history precisely parallel with those oaths, and while many of its deluded followers will deny vehemently that they take such oaths, it must be remembered that the average subject of the pope is ignorant of historical matters, kept in ignorance on purpose the better to serve his cruel and conscienceless ecclesiastical masters, and therefore does not know of these horrid oaths. Even some of Rome's priests deny they take these oaths, but the historical evidence that they do take them is such that they dare not bring suit for libel against those who have published and continue to pulish them.

So recently as the hatting of cardinals Farley and O'Connell, the cardinals' oath was reported in the daily press dispatches from Rome, and we can produce a confession from a Romish bishop that they take the bishops' oath. As for the Jesuits' oath it has been published time and again since the "Thirty Years Wer," in various languages, and the history of its discovery is well known.

CHAPTER VII.

ROMAN OATHS AND CURSES.

The Promises and Oaths quoted below have been published from time to time for many years. The Layman's vows are not denied. The Bishop's Oath is published in Romish books. The Cardinal's Oath has recently been published in the daily press. The Jesuit's Oath, with Secret Instructions, were discovered in a Jesuit College at the end of the Thirty Year's War, also in France. The Pope's curse may be seen in the ex-communication of Morgan and its substance in the excommunication of Henry VIII and others. Efforts are made to deny the Priest's Oath, and there is evidence that these oaths are changed from time to time, and that they differ in different countries and times, as occasion arises. That they do take horrible oaths is the abundant testimony of history. The Theology of Liguori, a standard work among Romanists, justifies perjury for "reason," and the whole spirit, tenor and conduct of the Romish institution proves it is an oath-bound conspiracy against righteousness, truth, liberty and justice; that it has stopped at nothing if thereby it could promote the interests of that institution. Its spirit and work are in perfect accord with the charge we make that it is the spirit of Satan incarnate. The blood of the martyrs of more than a thousand years of history is upon its scarlet garments described in Revelation 17:1-5, where it is correctly named, "The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth."

THE LAYMAN'S PROMISE.

(The creed with which this oath begins is omitted.)

I most steadfastly admit the Apostolical and Ecclesiastical traditions and all other observances and constitutions of the Church.

I also admit the holy scripture according to that sense which our holy Mother, the Church, hath held and doth

hold, to whom it belonged to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the Scripture, neither will I ever take and interpret them otherwise than according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I also profess that there are truly and properly seven sacraments of the law, instituted by Jesus Christ our Lord, and necessary for salvation of mankind though not all for every one, to-wit: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Orders and Matrimony, and that they confer grace; and that these, Baptism, Confirmation and Order can not be repeated without sacrilege.

I also receive and **admit the received** and approve ceremonies of the Catholic Church, used in the solemn administration of the aforesaid sacraments.

I embrace and receive all and every one of the things which have been defined and declared in the Holy Council of Trent concerning original sin and justification. I profess, likewise that in mass there is offered to God a true, proper and propitiatory sacrament for the living and the dead, and that in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist there is truly, really and substantially the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that there is made conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the body and of the wine into the blood; which conversion the Catholic Church calleth transubstantiation. I also confess that under either kind alone Christ is received whole and entire and a true sacrament.

I constantly hold that there is a purgatory, and the souls detained therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, likewise, that the Saints reigning together with Christ are to be honored and invocated, and that they offer prayer to God for us, and their relics are to be held in veneration.

I most firmly assert that the images of Christ, of the Mother of God ever Virgin, and that due honor, and veneration are to be given them. I also affirm that the power of indulgences was left by Christ in the Church, and that the use of them is most wholesome to Christian people. I acknowledge the Holy Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church for the Mother and Mistress of all Churches, and **promise true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, successor to St. Peter, prince of the Apostles and Vicar of Jesus** Christ. I likewise undoubtedly receive and profess all other things delivered, and declared by the sacred canons and general councils, and particularly by the Holy Council of Trent. . . . . And I condemn, reject and anathematize all things contrary thereto, and all heresies which the Church hath condemned, rejected and anathematized.

I, ————, do at this present freely profess and sincerely hold this true Catholic faith, out of which no one can be saved, and I promise most constantly to retain and confess the same entire and unviolated by God's assistance, to the end of my life.

PRIEST'S OATH.

I, ———, now in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed Saint John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, Saint Peter and Saint Paul and the saints and sacred hosts of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that the Pope is Christ's Vicar general and is the true and only head of the universal Church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to His Holiness by Jesus Christ, **he hath power to depose heretical Kings, Princes, States, Commonwealths, and Governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed.** Therefore to the utmost of my powers, I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness' rights and customs against all Usurpers of the Heretical or Protestant Authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended Authority and Church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the Sacred Mother Church of Rome.

I do renounce and disown allegiance as due to any heretical King, Prince or State, named Protestant, or

obedience to their inferior magistrates or officers.

I do further declare the doctrine of the Church of England, or Calvinists, Huguenots, and other Protestants, to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of His Holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant doctrine, and to **destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise.** I do further promise and declare, that notwithstanding **I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interests,** to keep secret and private all her agent's counsels as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstance whatsoever, **but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my ghostly father, or by any one of this convent.**

All of which I, ——, do swear by the Blessed Trinity, and blessed Sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform, on my part to keep inviolable: and do call on all the Heavenly and Glorious Hosts of Heaven to witness my real intentions to keep my oath. In testimony whereof, I take this most Holy and Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my hand and seal in the face of this holy convent."

THE OATH OF A MODERN CATHOLIC BISHOP AT HIS CONSECRATION.

"I, N., elected to the church of N., will from this time henceforth, be faithful and obedient to the blessed apostle Peter, and to the Holy Roman Church and to our Lord N., Pope N., and to his canonical successors. I will not aid by advice or consent or deed in any injury to them in life or limb; or to their arrest, or to any violence being in any way offered to them; or any injuries, under any pretext whatsoever. I will not knowingly reveal to any one,to their injury, the advice which they shall commit to me by themselves or their messengers, or by letter. Saving my order, I will assist in retaining and defending the Roman Papacy, and the royalties of St.

Peter against everyone. I will honorably deal with the legate of the Apostolic See in going and returning; and will assist him in his need. I will take care to **preserve, defend, increase, and advance the rights, honors, privileges, and authority** of the Holy Roman Church, of our lord the pope, and his aforesaid successors. Nor will I assist by council, deed or treaty, in any machinations against our lord himself, or the same Roman Church, which may be evil or prejudicial to their persons, right, honor, state, and power. And if I shall know of any such attempts being treated of, or set on foot, by any person whatsoever, I will hinder them to the utmost of my power; and as soon as I possibly can, will signify it to the same our lord, or to some other who shall be able to give him information. I will, with all my power, observe, and cause others to observe the rules of the holy fathers, the apostolic decrees, ordinances, or dispositions, provisions, and commands. **To the utmost of my power I will persecute and attack** (pro posse persequar et impugnabo) **heretics, schismatics, and rebels against the same our lord, and his aforesaid successors.** When called to a synod I will come, unless prevented by some canonical hindrance. Every three years I will, in my own person, visit the threshold of the apostles; and I will give to our lord and his successors aforesaid an account of my whole pastoral office, and of all things in any way concerning the state of my church, the discipline of the clergy and people, and the salvation of the souls which are committed to my trust; and on the other hand **I will humbly receive and with the utmost diligence obey the apostolic (papal) commands.** But if I shall be detained by lawful hindrance, I will fulfil all that is above mentioned by an appointed messenger, having special charge of this matter, from among my chapter or some other ecclesiastical dignitary, or person of station; or in failure of these, by a priest of the diocese; and in failure of all the clergy, by some other presbyter, secular or regular, of respectable honesty and piety, fully instructed in all things aforesaid. But I will give information concern-

ing any hinderances of this kind, by lawful proofs to be transmitted by said messenger to the canonical of the Holy Roman Church, who presides in the congregation of the sacred council.

"I will neither sell nor give, nor pawn the possessions belonging to my table; nor will I enfeoff them anew, nor alienate them in any manner, even with the consent of the chapter of my church, without the advice of the Roman Pontiff. And if I shall in any way proceed to alienate them, I am willing in reality to incur the penalties contained in a certain constitution passed upon this subject. So help me God, and the Holy Gospels of God.*

* Pontificale Romanum, pp. 59-61. Antwerp, 1758.

THE JESUITICAL OATH.

I, ————, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, all the Saints, sacred host of heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesuits, founded by St. Ignatus Loyola, in the pontificate of Paul the III., and continued to the present, do, by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear,. that his Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's vice-regent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his Holiness by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealth and governments, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of the same now established in Ireland, and in the continent of America and elsewhere and all adherents in regard that they may be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church

at Rome.

I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.

I do further declare that the doctrine of the Churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Hugenots and others of the names of Protestants or Liberals, to be damnable and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare, that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Ireland or America, or any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, regal or otherwise.

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest, to keep sercet and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they may entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred convent.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, to the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever communicated to me.

I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents **make and wage relentless war,**

secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihiliate their execrable race. That when the same can not be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poinard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do, by any agent of the Pope, or superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all corporal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determinatoin, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that may be inflicted upon me on this earth and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever.

All of which, I, ————, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed Sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part to keep this oath.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further, with my own name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal, in the face of this holy Sacrament.

THE CARDINAL'S OATH.

I, ————, Cadinal of the Holy Roman Church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter, the holy apostolic Roman Church, and our most Holy Lord, the

Pope of Rome, and his successors canonically and lawfully elected; that I will give no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also, that I will give them any asistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman Papacy and the regalia of Peter, with all might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the legates and nuncios of the apostolic see, in territories, churches, monasteries and other beneficies committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in combining, aiding and returning, and that I will resist unto blood all persons whatsoever, who shall attempt anything against them. That I will by every way and by every means strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors and privileges, the authority of the Holy Roman Bishop, our Lord the Pope and his before-mentioned successors; and that, at whatever time anything shall be decided to their prejudice, which is out of my power to hinder as soon as I shall know that any steps or measures have been taken in the matter, I will make it known to the same our Lord or his successors, or some other person by whose means it may be brought to their knowledge. That I will keep and carry out, and cause others to keep and carry out, the rules of the Holy Father, the decrees, ordinance, dispensations, reservations, provisions, apostolic mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father Sextus, of happy memoy, as to visiting the thresholds of the apostles at certain proscribed times, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and oppose, persecute and fight (conatu persecuturum et impugnaturum) against heretics and schismatics who oppose our Lord, the Pope of Rome, and his heretofore mentioned successors, and this will I do with every possible effort.

(Found in the Manuale Romanum for the Secular Clergy.)

THE POPE'S CURSE.

By the authority of the Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and the Holy Canons, and of the undefiled Virgin Mary, mother and nurse of our Saviour, and of the celestial virtues, angels, arch-angels, thrones, dominions, popes, cherubims, and seraphims; and all the holy patriarchs and prophets; the apostles and evangelists, and of the holy innocents, who in the sight of the Holy Lamb, are found worthy to sing the new song, and of the holy martyrs and the holy confessors, and the holy virgins, and of the saints, together with all the holy and elect of God; we excommunicate and anathematize him, and from the threshhold of the Church of Almighty God we sequester him, that he may be tormented in eternal, excruciating sufferings, together with Dathan and Abiram, and those who say to the Lord God, "Depart from us; we desire none of thy ways." And as fire is quenched by water, so let the light of him be put out evermore. May the Son who suffered for us, curse him. May the Holy Cross which Christ, for our salvation, triumphing over his enemies, ascended, curse him. May the Holy and eternal, Virgin Mary, mother of God curse him. May St. Michael, the advocate of holy souls, curse him. May the Holy Ghost, which was given to us in our baptism curse him. May all the angels and archangels, principalities and powers, and all the heavenly armies, curse him. May St. John the precursor, and St. Peter, and St. Paul, and St. John the Baptist, and St. Andrew, and all other of Christ's apostles together, curse him, and may the rest of his disciples and four Evangelists, who, by their preaching converted the univeral world—and may the holy and wonderful company of martyrs and confessors, who, by their holy work are found pleading to God Almighty—curse him. May the choir of the Holy Virgins, who, for the honor of Christ, have despised the things of this world, damn him. May all the saints who, from the beginning of the world, and everlasting ages, are found to be beloved of God, damn him. May the heavens and the earth, and all things remaining therein, damn him.

May he be damned wnerever he may be; whether in the house or in the field, whether in the highway or by-way, whether in the wood or water, or whether in the Church. May he be cursed in living and dying, in eating and drinking, in fasting and thirsting, in slumbering and sleeping, in watching and waking, in standing or sitting, in lying down or walking mingendo cancanda and in all blood letting. May he be cursed inwardly and outwardly. May he be cursed in his hair. May he be cursed in his brain. May he be cursed in the crown of his head and in his temples. In his forehead and in his ears. In his eyebrows and in his cheeks. In his jawbones and in his notrils. In his foreteeth and in his grinders. In his lips and in his throat. In his shoulders and in his wrists. In his arms, in his hands, and in his fingers. May he be damned in his mouth, in his breast, in his heart and in all the visceria of his body. May he be damned in his veins, in his hips and in his knees, in his legs, feet and toe nails.

May he be cursed in all the joints and articulations of his body. From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot may there be no soundness in him. May the Son of the living God, with all the glory of his majesty, curse him; and may Heaven, with all the powers that move therein rise up against him—curse him and damn him! Amen. So let it be! Amen.

ROMANISM, THE SWORN AND SECRET ENEMY OF THIS REPUBLIC. COMMENTS ON ROMISH OATHS.

An examination of the oaths taken by Roman Catholics, and of the political claims of the Pope, will show beyond all question, that no real Roman Catholic is or can be a loyal American citizen, so long as he adheres to the political claims of Popery and the oaths of loyalty that he has taken.

If Romanism stopped with its claim of **ECCLESIASTICAL authority only, the case would be different; but as is well known, it extends its claim to Universal or Catholic dominion, both ecclesiastical AND POLITICAL. The Pope claims, and the Councils of Popery sustain that**

claim, and every Romanist has sworn to sustain all decrees of all Romish councils—that he, the Pope, is "God's Vicar upon earth," that he has been vested by God himself with the supreme authority over the human race, both ecclesiastical and POLITICAL, and that there is no lawful government on earth save by the Pope's decree or permission; and that all governments which will not submit to this Papal Vicegerency for God, in both ecclesiastical and POLITICAL affairs, is contrary to God's decree and therefore should be both "damned" and "destroyed." And we repeat, every Romanist has sworn to keep the claims of Popery and the decrees of its councils, under oath and pain of damnation. Read what every Romanist swears when he joins:

"I most steadfastly admit the Apostolical and Ecclesiastical (church) Traditions and ALL OTHER OBSERVANCES AND CONSTITUTIONS of the CHURCH."

This is the opening sentence in the oath of every Romanist, and it embraces everything Romanism claims under "traditions, observances and constitutions of the church."

"I acknowledge the Holy Catholic, Apostolic, ROMAN CHURCH for the mother and mistress of all churches, AND PROMISE TRUE OBEDIENCE TO THE BISHOP OF ROME, SUCCESSOR TO ST. PETER, prince of the Apostles and Vicar of Jesus Christ. I likewise undoubtedly receive and profess ALL OTHER THINGS DELIVERED AND DECLARED BY THE SACRED CANONS AND GENERAL COUNCILS, AND PARTICULARLY BY THE HOLY COUNCIL OF TRENT. AND I CONDEMN, REJECT AND ANATHEMATIZE ALL THINGS CONTRARY THERETO, AND ALL HERESIES WHICH THE CHURCH HATH CONDEMNED, REJECTED AND ANATEMATIZED."

From the above you will see that every Romanist pledges absolute, unquestioning obedience to the Pope in all things; and also to support and uphold "all things" held, decreed and demanded by Romanism. And that includes the Pope's claim of POLITICAL DOMINION OVER ALL THE WORLD.

This makes every Romanist the sworn and pledged

enemy of every government on earth save those authorized by the Pope. The Pope has never authorized nor sanctioned the existence of this Republic, and therefore every Romanist on earth is the sworn enemy of this American Republic, if he is true to his oath!

But to clinch this argument and make it perfectly clear, let us proceed from the Layman's oath quoted above to the Priests', Bishops,' Jesuits' and Cardinals' oaths, and we shall find plain repudiation and rejection of all governments and their authority, unless derived from the Pope.

The Priest swears:

"I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that the Pope is Christ's Vicar-General and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the whole earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his Holiness by Jesus Christ, HE HATH POWER TO DEPOSE HERETICAL KINGS, PRINCES, STATES, COMMONWEALTHS, AND GOVERNMENTS; ALL BEING ILLEGAL WITHOUT HIS SACRED CONFIRMATION, AND THAT THEY MAY SAFELY BE DESTROYED. Therefore to the utmost of my power, I will DEFEND THIS DOCTRINE. * * * I do RENOUNCE AND DISOWN ALEGIANCE AS DUE TO ANY HERETICAL KING, PRINCE OR STATE, NAMED PROTESTANT, OR OBEDIENCE TO THEIR INFERIOR MAGISTRATES OR OFFICERS."

Now, we have seen that they claim that all persons who are not Romanists are "heretics," and they apply this word "heresy" to all governments not authorized or sanctioned by the Pope, saying, "heretical king, prince or State;" they also declare, on oath, that all commonwealths existing without the Pope's "sacred confirmation," are "heretical" and that all such governments may be "safely destroyed."

This Republic has never had nor asked nor desired the Pope's "sacred confirmation," and therefore, according to Romish dogma, is "heretical," is under the Pope's and Rome's "anathema," subject to destruction at their hands. Therefore, again, every Romish priest is the sworn

enemy of this Republic.

But more:

"I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all of his holiness' agents, in any place where I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended power, REGAL OR OTHERWISE."

"Regal" power is kingly or royal power. Thus Papal priests swear to destroy all kingdoms on earth. Maybe you will understand why all the kingdoms of Europe have at one time or other, banished these foresworn priests of Rome.

But are they the sworn enemies of Republics? Did you notice that word "OTHERWISE?" AND THOSE OTHER WORDS, "COMMONWEALTHS, STATES?" This oath of Romish priests includes all governments which have not received the "SACRED CONFIRMATION" OF THE POPE.

Therefore, every Romish priest is sworn to destroy this Republic to the "extent of his power."

The Bishops' oath is of course taken by those only who have been priests, because no man reaches a bishoprick in Romanism except through the priesthood and so the bishop's oath simply repeats the obligation of obedience to the Pope, and former obligations, and adds "heretics (States are "heretics" by Rome's definition of heresy), schismatics, and rebels to our said Lord or his successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose."

And so every Romish bishop is not only a sworn opponent of this Republic, but also sworn to "PERSECUTE" IT.

Now let us go on the Jesuit's oath: He re-swears all the priests swear, and we have seen that includes the destruction of this Republic as well as all governments not "confirmed" by the Pope, and then the Jesuit goes on and swears a good deal more than the ordinary priest. Look back there and read the Jesuit's oath until it strikes in on you good and deep. His oath denounces and disowns "any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or State, * * * * or obedience to any of their LAWS, MAGISTRATES OF OFFICERS."

Now, get that and remember it. The Jesuit swears he repudiates all ALLEGIANCE AS DUE TO ANY STATE NOT CONFIRMED BY THE POPE. THIS REPUBLIC HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE POPE. IT IS A STATE, AND THEREFORE EVERY JESUIT HAS FORESWORN HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THIS REPUBLIC AND IF TRUE TO HIS OATH, WILL DESTROY IT IF HE CAN. Do you see again why the States of Europe drove the Jesuits out?

He repeats that priest's oaths about destroying all power opposed to the Pope's claim, "regal or OTHERWISE," and then goes on to swear:

"I will have no opinion of my own, or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver, but will unhesitatingly obey each and every comand that I may receive from my superiors in THE MILITIA OF THE POPE AND OF JESUS CHRIST."

You will notice he is a dumb SOLDIER, a fighter, a killer of men in the service of the Pope, without any mind or will of his own, a moral corpse, a man without a will or conscience.

He swears he will go anywhere and do anything he is ordered to do. But will he commit murder, act as spy or traitor, lie or conspire? Hear him swear what he will do:

"I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I wil spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihiliate their execrable race. That when the same can not be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poinard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do, by any agent of the Pope, or Superior

of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus."

Could hell invent or devil swear or promise to do viler things than those named in that horrible oath?

And mark you, he promises to do these things as a soldier of the Pope, as God's Vicar or representative on earth!

Do you wonder that European governments banished such men as these?

Do you wonder why America tolerates their presence and work?

Do you wonder when Presidents are assassinated, people murdered, childrer kidnapped, womanhood outraged, politics corrupted, humanity robbed and governments paralyzed!

This land of ours is filled with these Jesuits and they are doing all in their power to overturn this Republic; but more and worse, these are the kind of people in Romish ranks and service that politicians are trading with for votes and place!

And what do you think of an institution which swears and sends out men to do such things as these, calling itself the "Church of Jesus Christ?" And what think you of a mortal man who sanctions and accepts the services of these murderers, calling himself the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and "infallible?"

And what think you of the further claim that no man can be saved unless he unites with and sanctions this devlish principle and deed?

And what think you of the ignorance of those who accept these things as the will of God and endorse them as "Christians?"

Such is Romanism. This is the principle of Romanism and this is the kind of "saints" and saintship it has to offer you Americans as a substitute for your religion and love and hope! Will you accept it?

This is the power that seeks to rule your country, the kind of men with whom you have to deal in this conflict with Popery!

Is there danger? If there is danger in the murderer, the assassin, the traitor, the spy, the perjurer, then

there is danger. Such as these Jesuits would murder you at midnight in cold blood and think, or profess to think, they were doing God's service!

And now, American citizens, what must be the destiny of any country that turns loose an army of such characters as these Jesuits and priests are, by their own oaths, to do as they will? And what must its destiny be when its chief magistrate, its president, its chief justices, its vice-president, its senators, congressmen, governors, legislators and executives, vie with each other in heaping encomiums upon Romish cardinals and bishops, attending their functions, allowing them to monopolize the army and navy offices, hold office, and all this while they are known to be secret conspirators against the State, the laws and the liberties of the nation?

But more: What think you of men and political parties which not only vie with each other in extending welcome to this sort of thing, but allow it to flood this country with its followers—the very dregs of Europe, clothe them with citizenship and the ballot, that Rome may use them to subvert this Republic?

And finally: Our naturalization laws require that aliens shall reside here a certain length of time and then take an oath of allegiance to support the constitution and laws of this country, before allowing them the franchise. The military laws of this country treat any man as a traitor who conspires to destroy the government, and punishes as criminals those who refuse to obey the laws. But here is Rome's priesthood, Bishops, Jesuits and Cardinals, who not only refuse to obey the laws, but who swear to destroy and "extirpate" not only those who support the government but the government itself; who swear they will keep secret all the Pope's counsels and communicate to him all they know while they carry on the work of destruction in secret; who in press and on rostrum brand our government illegal, our laws wrong, our government heretical and fit only for destruction, and make open warfare on education, religious and political liberty, and now unite their forces POLITICALLY with the avowed intention of controling this country; who are

now demanding suppression of free press, free speech and organizing and arming an army of their ignorant dupes for a struggle with this Republic that means rivers of blood and tears and a harvest of death and sorrow! And men who profess to know history and law and stand for patriots and statesmen, are not only suffering this diabolical scheme to go forward in broad daylight but winking at it and bowing down to it for votes and office.

God of our persecuted fathers! What a spectacle is this for men and angels!

Three Roman Catholics have already assassinated three presidents of the United States! Do you not hear the thunder of the dynamite as a Roman Catholic sets it off in Los Angeles? Hear the Romanist, McNamara, confess: "I am JESUIT enough to believe the end justifies the means."

Talk about trusts, taxes, labor, capital being the national issues! Fiddlesticks! They sink into utter insignifance beside the issue as bodied forth in the claims and conspiracies of Romanism and its determination to destroy this Republic!

Thus we have endeavored to give you a condensed view of the facts in the case. Read and ponder well, and then ACT. Circulate this document. Try to get that ignorant, sleepy, careless neighbor of yours interested and willing to inform himself as to conditions. Help carry on a campaign of education and agitation! Try to wake up the preachers, editors, teachers, citizens—everybody. Write, talk, circulate literature—do something, wake up and work!

CHAPTER VIII.
THE APPROACHING END OF THE AGE.

The future is sealed to all but God and those to whom He is pleased to reveal it.

To those who reject the Scriptures and inspiration, the future is the blackness of darkness. Philosophy can do nothing but scan history and guess at the future by the past. It must reason inductively, from cause to effect, make no room for new causes, assume uniformity of operations and hence an endless series of similar causes and effects. With God and Inspiration eliminated from its thinking, its highest possible attainment is "Agnosticism," we do not know. And to those who do not know, and refuse to believe that the future has been revealed, there is no basis for conclusion, for faith, for hope; and when the agnostic denies inspiration and prophecy, and then attempts to prophesy, his own denial of the truth of prophecy refutes his claim as a prophet, and leaves him in remediless darkness.

There is nothing mankind wish or need to know more than the future. It is incompatible with our conceptions of the nature and character of God, as an all-wise and benevolent Creator, that He would create a race of beings, place them in a world subject to the vicisitudes of life, plant within them a thirst for that knowledge which He alone can impart, and leave them with no word and no light on that future to which they go, no revelation of what He has in store for them. The masterpiece of all earthly structures is the human soul, its capacity, possibilities, hopes, fears, aspirations and desires are eternal. Man aspires beyond the narrow confines of this short life out into boundless eternity, and the deepest longings of the heart hunger to know what God alone can reveal. Can we conceive of a great an good God creating such capacities, such possibilities, endowing creatures with capacity for the eternal and then mocking that capacity and hungering with a short day, and then sinking the mighty structure of a soul into the endless

night of annihilation? Would he as the Great Architect of the universe, lay the foundations of such temples of glory and magnificence with no intention of completing the structures? Would Fate or Chance or Accident do such work? Could they do such work with a uniformity which proves a universal law? The infidel who would deny God, is forced by facts beyond controversy, to erect Fate, Chance or Accident into universal power possessing and exercising all the attributes of God. We see work going on daily which God only can do; we see laws enforced which only God can make and enforce. And these laws and this work have been going on for ages, with a uniform and resistless power and wisdom, beyond our understanding or conception. The evidence of God's existence, power, wisdom, goodness are absolutely universal and complete.

Certainly, then, God **can reveal the future if He will.** And if He reveals the future that fact may be certainly known; for if a man claims that God has revealed the future to him, and becomes a prophet, foretelling events, then all men have to do is to wait for the fulfilment. If the prophecy is something God alone can know, given hundreds or thousands of years before its fulfilment, and it comes to pass, the fulfilment is the proof of the inspiration of the prophet. And if there are many such prophets, and their prophecies cover hundreds and even thousands of years, and if we see their prophecies come true, then we **know they are inspired. The Bible has stood this test, stands it now, the foretellings of its prophets are fulfilling literally before our eyes, on a world-wide scale, and to the student of prophecy and history who admits facts, there is no doubt at all that the Bible is inspired, that it is God's own Word, and its utterances absolutely conclusive.**

The Bible itself proposes this test:

"And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord: if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it

presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."—Deut. 18:21, 22.

The fulfilment of the prophecy is the test of inspiration.

The Inspiration of the Bible Tested.

We have gone over the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation concerning the world's political Empires, and the Origin, Authority and Nature of Papal Romanism, very briefly. We have put the prophecies and the history side by side, and we have seen that the prophecies have been fulfilled and are yet fulfilling daily. When we consider that the prophecies of Daniel were written 588 years before Christ came, in the closing days of the Babylonian Empire, before either of the other three had arisen, and then history shows us that the other three came and did precisely the things foretold; and when we study the history of the little horn and find popery fulfilling exactly the things spoken concerning it, as to origin, time, place and nature, we are driven irresistibly to the conclusion that Daniel was inspired. And when we come to Revelation, written by John in the first century and find the Beast and the Lamb-Dragon describe the Pagan and Papal Empires precisely, the "Woman" of Rev. 17:1-5 fulfilled precisely in the Romish hierarchy, we are driven again to see that John was inspired. Both prophets foretold events yet future hundreds of years, and we who live in these last times have a better opportunity to witness their fulfillment than those who were contemporaneous with the prophets or even the prophets themselves. History is the witness which confirms the prophecies and the evidence that the Bible is true is placed beyond a shadow of a doubt. The evidence is both internal and historical, the Bible meets the test laid down in it for proof of inspiration, and when its prophecies are fulfilled the question is settled. This testimony is beyond the possibility of refutation; it sweeps the ages, grasps the ages and the nations, and challenges the world to refute or doubt it. The mind that rejects this evidence is either destitute of information or is incapable of weighing evidence and reason-

ing correctly.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God," declares the Scripture. One who can look at the universal evidence of God's existence and then say thee is no God, is a fool, a fool being one incapable of reasoning correctly; so the man who can look at the evidence of the inspiration of the Bible and then deny it, is another fool, because he too, is incapable of reasoning correctly.

The Bible Contains The Final Word.

For the reasons given briefly before, the writer of these pages believes the Bible with all the powers of his mind and heart. In the midst of the world's speculations, guesses, philosophies and theories, his mind and heart turn to the one infallible Book, and he accepts its doctrine, its history and its prophecies without hesitation or doubt; and he does this without understanding it, because in the very nature of the case he cannot understand prophecies yet to be fulfilled, how they are to be fulfilled, nor all the conditions and contingencies necessary to bring them to pass; but he believes that God knows all and He will bring it to pass according to His word.

Therefore, when men ask concerning the future, there is only one Book which claims to answer their questions and that Book is the Bible. And when we are asked our views of things yet to come our answer is, The Bible tells it, or it is not told at all.

Prophecies Concerning the End of This Age.

"And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately saying, **Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the END OF THE WORLD?**"—Matt. 24:3.

The answer to this compound question, put to Christ by his disciples, is the answer to the world. It foretells the future from that day until Jesus comes again. There is an array of prophecies in the New Testament, spoken by the Lord himself and by his Apostles, which cover and answers every reasonable question which intelligent minds could ask, concerning the whole gospel age or dispensation.

We have gone briefly over the New Testament prophecies concerning the Pagan and Papal Empires, and we have found them most strikingly fulfilled in the Papacy, we see it before our own eyes actually fulfilling daily the very prophecies which foretold it; we have seen kingdoms rise and unconsciously fulfil these prophecies, especially in their relations with the "Mother of Harlots," and this day we see them "hating the whore and consuming her," just as God's Book said they would do. So also we see other prophecies concerning the conditions of this time most strikingly fulfilling before our faces.

Optimists or Pessimists.

The world wants a bright future. It demands that the prophets shall prophesy smoothe things. It wants prophets who will cry "Peace! Peace" when there is no peace. When Jeremiah was sent of God to foretell the fall and exile of Jerusalem and the seventy years captivity of Israel, there were many prophets who disputed Jeremiah's message, declaring his word would not come true. The people wanted to believe the prophets who foretold good things only. But the awful foretellings of Jeremiah were fulfilled, and the words of the weeping "Pessimist" were fulfilled and the laughing "Optimists" perished by the sword, as Jeremiah foretold they would.

So now, the world demands "Optimism." You must not weep but laugh! A sad face is a sign of hypocrisy and mental inferiority, they say. "Old fogy" and "Pessimist" are hurled at the man who, with Bible in hand, heart breaking over the sins of the people and eyes "running down like rivers" pleads with men to hear the Word of God, while the "optimists" laugh him to scorn and the people follow them. If the Christ ever laughed once while on earth, there is no evidence of it. The world's sin and woe was heaped upon his mind and heart, He was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," but many of his professed followers now are the gayest of the gay, and we are told that there is no reality in "asceticism" but we must be happy, laugh, have a great good time. The burden of the world's sorrows sits lightly

on most minds and the weeping prophets and preachers are out of date. There are dungeons of starvation and poverty, pain and persecution for the weeping Jeremiahs and Pauls, while the prophets of smoothe things are "at the king's banqueting tables."

Tell us, ye men, who despise what you call the "weepers" and the "pessimists," have you stopped to think one day? Have you read history? Do you know the world you live in? Have you read the Bible? Aye, have you studied it and compared its prophecies with history? You men and women on whose hearts the world's woes sit so lightly, who can look on complacently while men perish and millions moil in poverty, sin and death; you revel in pleasure and folly in the presence of facts which bowed the head of the Son of God, whom you profess to love and serve, over a ruined city, a lost nation; and yet your eyes are dry, your hearts light, and you even turn mockers and haters of those who with God's holy Book in hand tell you its awful truths! Did you know that you are fulfilling one of the most awful prophecies in God's Book without knowing you are doing so? You are a company of heartless professers, you are formalists who are giving no attention to the words of your God, you are despising his will and word and are so ignorant of that word you do not know you are doing these things. You have your own prophets and preachers who fawn and flatter you in the name of God; you pay them to do so, and both they and you are well satisfied with yourselves. You are full, and you despise the poor and heap oppression upon them to fill the coffers of your covetousness and worldly pleasures, and you are grossly ignorant of the Holy Bible and its utterances concerning you.

Some years ago a lady who was a prominent member of a popular church in the city of Atlanta, Ga., was summering at a little town in north Georgia, where she was leading in balls and society functions. There was a meeting in progress in the town, she attended a service, was convicted of sin, spent a restless night, then sent for the local pastor and told him her troubles, saying she

had never had such an experience. The plain preacher promptly told her that God had shown her she was a lost sinner. She was converted, left the ball room, went back to Atlanta and plead with her pastor to have that same plain preacher come and preach. The pastor objected, he did not want the placidity of his social club disturbed by ignorant men! That woman, pastor and church were of a type prevailing all up and down the land. Optimists who laugh where the Son of God wept, and who refuse to hear or believe what the Bible teaches.

Two Possible Views.

There are just two views with respect to the possibility of knowing the future:

1. That God has revealed it and may be found in his Book.

2. That it is not revealed and the world is doomed to grope in darkness and work out its own future, evolve it from human philosophy.

When we go to the Book of God and read its foretellings, the picture is so perfectly awful we turn from it with scorning and call the man who believes and proclaims it a "pessimist." Then the world runs to the optimist for a brighter view, receives what it goes for, and is happy in its empty delusion, leaves the Word of God, follows the philosopher into the night and goes on to wreck as foretold in the holy Book.

And yet who is the real optimist and pessimist? Those who accept the truth of the Bible however dark the picture now, and yet see in the same Book a future as glorious as God can make it, a returning Christ, sin overthrown, death abolished and heaven with its eternal glories for their home with God forever; these are the real optimists. "Blessed are ye that weep **now** for ye shall laugh." "Woe unto you that laugh **now** for ye shall weep and mourn." The world chooses **time** in which to laugh, eternity for its weepings. The Christian chooses time for weeping, **eternity** for laughing. Who is the real optimist? Who the real pessimist? To the real Christian, the experience of sin forgiven, peace with God, and the hope of eternal happiness is a "joy unspeakable and full

of glory." But the same Christian looking about him at a world lost in sin, will have real sorrow over his lost fellows, and a deep, abiding desire to see them saved; and this will make him a serious man, a worker for the salvation of men. It is inconceivable that those saved from sin should have no concern for the salvation of sinners.

After all, then, the Biblical view, the truth, is the only basis for optimism and happiness; and we shall do well to face the facts and accept them. If they cause tears now they will only make us more concerned for our fellows, and in the end, after the long, sad night, the "Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings," and they shall laugh.

"Watchman, What of the Night?"

The conflict with the satanic powers in the world, is yet upon us. We see humanity still oppressed; still the guns thunder and men die in war; the poor are robbed and crushed; the cry of the ages is not ended; sin in all its terrible deformity is yet here; amid the jarring and jangling discords of all the world's philosophies, we see sin doing its fearful work. About all things possible have been tried and the world grows wiser and richer without growing better. Our philosophers are making great boasts of saving the world, they are making skeptics and infidels, but they are contributing nothing to righteousness. There is a gloss and veneer over sin which makes it all the more dangerous. There is an artistic vice, decked in costly array, educated rascality able to administer moral anasthesia to the nations it would rob and spoil. Education simply enlarges our capacity for good or evil, it does not change our characters. And we live in a time when education has so enlarged the capacity of evil men, that whereas the kings of old robbed whole nations, the cultured sons of Belial now rob the world, and wear a cloak of religion while robbing it. We have refined persecution and prejudice, made infidelity very scientific, swapped the tallow dip for arc light, the low brothel for the gilded den and propose to

save humanity by making war on mosquitoes, houseflies, microbes and miasma, and rush in the Millennium with air-ships and improved implements of war. We build palaces of peace and then have so many dead soldiers in one war that coffin factories raise the price of lumber. We boast of Democracy and liberty and at the same time our boasted democracy leads the world in murder! But we must come to the Bible and settle it:

How Will the Conflict End?

Will the world be converted in this age? No. Will it be conquered for righteousness? It will. When? When Jesus Christ comes again. Not before.

Prophecy foretells two ages; 1. The Gospel Age, the one in which we are living. 2. The Millennial Age, the one yet to come. Students of prophecy often confuse these ages and the prophecies applying to them. A prominent preacher, in a great assembly, took for a text, "Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."—Isa. 60:1. He applied it to this age. He told his hearers how we lacked just a little more of "Taking the world for Christ," a few more men, a little more money, and we would conquer the world for Christ! And yet he told how covetousness in this Christian land was robbing God, and how millions of professed followers of Christ took no interest in the salvation of men. **Reductio ad absurdum!** The very civilization he was applying the text to, is itself a fearful example of the lack of the light he declared had come. His text is a prophecy concerning the return of the Israelites to Palestine and the second coming of Christ. He was educated(?) in a seminary which ignores the books of Daniel and Revelation, in its curriculum, and laughs at any preacher who undertakes to expound those books. There is no prophetic chronology in his school, and none in his preaching.

Let us look into the Bible for the answer to the question put by the disciples to Christ, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world? (age)"

1. **As to the condition of the world in knowledge:**

"But thou O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even TO THE TIME OF THE END. MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO, AND KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED. Dan. 12:4.

The world was never as wise as it now is. But this knowledge is of other things than the Word of God. The world is wise in material things but is giving little attention to the Bible, especially on this subject.

This is foretold by the Savior:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark, **and knew not until the flood came and took them all away**; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."—Matt. 24:37-38.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the son of man is revealed."—Luke 17:28-30.

Worldly wise but grossly ignorant of the coming of Jesus Crist and the end of the age.

The parable of the Ten Virgins, Matt. 25:1-13, is a prophecy of the condition of the world at the return of Jesus Christ. The wise virgins represent those who are expecting his coming, the foolish those whom it will find unprepared.

There will be some watching and waiting, some who understand:

"Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.**"—Dan. 11:10.

The wicked world has acquired much knowledge, but not of God. They care nothing for the things of which we write, their minds are on other matters, and therefore they understand nothing about it. When Jesus Christ comes again, and he is coming, they will be as unprepared for it as were the ante-diluvians and the Sodomites for the judgments that overtook them.

2. **As to the religious condition of the world with respect to teaching.**

"And many false prophets (teachers) shall arise and deceive many."—Matt. 24:11.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that **in the LATTER TIMES** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats."—I. Tim. 4:1, 2.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."—II. Tim. 4:3, 4.

The world never had so many religious teachers before, nor so many organizations, nor so many theological and ecclesiastical contradictions and absurdities. There never was a greater effort to please men nor less to please God. There are gospels, preachers, teachers many, contradictions, conflicts, absurdities, philosophies, speculations, until they bewilder and confuse us. Before our faces the prophecy is fulfilling to the letter, precisely, and yet each of these gospels have a plan for saving the whole world. We have the gospel of Sociology, Economics, Education, Industrialism, Hygienics, Eugenics and they multiply and feed upon their own excretions. Hear the fables! Listen at the bedlam! See the conflicts! Then take your Bible in hand and see them unconsciously fulfill its prophecies to the letter while they deny and discard **the one glorious gospel of the blessed God and salvation by the blood of Christ.**

3. **As to the world's moral condition at the time of the end.**

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded; **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF;** from such turn away."—II. Tim. 3:1-5.

The above passage is an exact prophetic photograph of the times in which we live. And yet we hear the optimistic boast how the "World is getting better." "Going to take the world for Christ!" etc.

America abounds with boasters: "Greatest country in the world!" Wonderful things we are doing! Yes, and leading the world in murders! Wonderful civilization! What about "White Slavery?" What about the cry, "How shall we save our cities?" Suppose you try a little more hygenics and Eugenics? Try foot ball, base ball, etc. The gospel of athletics is great now. Of course they will laugh. Let them laugh. We are quoting the Word of God. **It tells the truth. This age will end just as Jesus Christ said it would. He KNOWS.**

"But beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you there should be mockers **in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.**"—Jude 17, 18.

The whole letter of Jude is a warning voice, pointing to the last time, exhorting Christians to "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints;" pointing to the coming of Christ as the end of the age, and foretelling the mockers as quoted above. They are fulfilling the pophecy to the letter and do not know it. It is useless to argue with them. They have turned away their ears from the Book of God and have their own teachers and their own gospel.

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."—II. Tim. 3:13.

The modern optimist does not use that text. It would ruin his theory. There are some other texts they never use. Let us quote a few of them:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you, in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of **remembrance**; that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior: knowing this first that there **shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**

"For this they are willingly ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.** * * * Bnt the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. * * * Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless, we according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."—II. Peter 3:1-13.

We have the scientific gospel now, which discards Peter as an old fogy. He did not understand **science** at all. All that part of the New Testament which treats of the second coming of Christ, the destruction of the world for sin, etc., is relegated for the gospel of science and optimism and we are going to "take the world for Christ," and get the Millennium ready **before he comes, if he ever comes. We must evolve oureslves out of the protoplastic stage into a higher realm, and to this end we are looking to scientific investigation and radio-activity**

to discover the secret of life itself and then we can live forever on the products of our own genius. We have invented the phonograph, the electric light, wireless telegraphy, the moving picture, the automoble and the aeroplane, and we lack just a little now of solving all mysteries, even the secret of life itself, communicating with Mars by overcoming the law of gravitation, then we will get perpetual motion, live forever and do as we please, scientifically and show the old fogies who believe the Bible a thing or two.

Meantime they have not yet invented a remedy for sin.

Nor have they been able to abrogate the moral law or its awful penalty.

Men continue to die, as they have from Adam until now.

Men scoff at the idea of the coming of Christ, deny its possibility and mock the hope of those who believe it.

They are fulfilling the same prophecy, before our faces.

Here is their prophetic photograph made nearly two thousand years ago in the Bible they mock.

The world still crucifies those who tell it the truth and fattens those who preach and prophesy to suit it.

"Right forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne."

4. The Events that precede and cluster about the Coming of Christ and the end of the Age.

(1) The gathering of Israel to Palestine. The "Zionists" have organized and are cooperating all over the world to restore Palestine to the Jews.

(2) "The drying up of the Euphrates," or the decay of the Turkish Empire. See Rev. 9:13-16. This attends the sounding of the sixth trumpet, the opening of the sixth seal, and marks the last work day of the gospel age week. Just now the Turkish Empire is decaying before our faces, the prophecy is fulfilling. Certainly this is the sixth day of the prophetic week, and it may be evening time.

(3) The Fall of Babylon. In Dan. 7:21, 22, we read:

"I beheld, and the same horn (the Little Horn—Popery) made war with the saints, **and prevailed against them, until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the TIME CAME THAT THE SAINTS POSSESSED THE KINGDOM.**"

The persecuting power of popery will remain in some form until Jesus Christ comes back to the earth and gives his saints the kingdom.

When will they possess the kingdom?

"When the Son of Man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, **then** shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. **(He is on the throne of mediation now.)**

"And before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

"And he shall set the sheep (saints) on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"THEN shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."—Matt. 25:31, 33.

The saints do not **now** possess the kingdom of heaven. Dare any sane man call the conglomeration of doctrines, creeds, conflicts, confusion and religio-political strife and corruption which now floods the world, the **kingdom of heaven?** Is this the rule of God, or of the saints? Are these Christian nations which rob the poor, corrupt the virtuous, plan wars of conquest and colonization and butcher the helpless? God forbid! Reader, pause and think: Have you read your Bible and do you believe it? Has it not told you the little horn will prevail until the Ancient of days (Christ) shall come, and the saints possess the kingdom? And have we not just quoted to you Christ's own words in Matt. 25:31-33 in which he tells you he will give the saints the possession of his kingdom "when he comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him?" Has he come in his glory? Nay, his first coming was in humiliation, "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

The Jews did not understand their own Bible. They looked for a Messiah, but not in humiliation. They took the prophecies which foretold his coming in glory, for his Millennail reign, and rejected those which foretold his coming in humiliation "as a root out of dry ground, without form or comeliness." Therefore they rejected the Christ of humility and wanted a Messiah to reign, not one to suffer and die.

Now we know we bring you a fearful fact:

It was popery which invented the Church-Kingdom doctrine, confounded church and kingdom, made the first coming of Christ the kingdom coming, and through this false interpretation of the Bible, erected a Church-Kingdom to rule the world, put a pope on the throne, and has abrogated practically the doctrine of the glory and kingdom coming of Jesus and thus blotted out the one hope of the world!

Hold now! The Protestant world holds practically the same view. It was borrowed from Rome. It confounds the church of Christ with the kingdom of Christ, makes them the same; and of course if this is the Kingdom of Christ it must, to fulfill Scripture, make a **conquest of the world, it must "take the world for Christ," hence religious work must be projected along military and conquest lines, territory must be conquered and held, and the forces necessary to do this found. Product: Popery. Method: War! There you are. We must conquer the world and bring on the Millennium and as soon as we conquer it and get everything ready for him, then Christ will come, if he ever comes.**

Now for two historical facts:

(1) The keystone in the arch of New Testament prophecy and promise is the COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. Read it all the way through that Book to the last word, "Lo, I come quickly. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus." This promise and hope were the stones beneath the two feet of the Christian pilgrims of the first centuries. No mistake about it. There it is in the Book.

2. Per contra. The keystone in the arch of popery is the church is the Kingdom of heaven, and Christ hath

made the pope his earthly king. He reigns over God's kingdom on earth, by divine appointment, while Christ reigns in heaven, and all mediation between Christ and sinners must be through the kingdom vicar, the pope. More than this, Christ hath made the pope his commander-in-chief of the armies of the earth and sends him forth to conquer the world for Christ. Hence, not love but law; not gospel but decree and edict and bull; not persuasion but compulsion; not regeneration but revolution; not the Holy Spirit to convict and convert but the sword to cut and cleave until the world is mastered!

You will look in vain in papal theology and propagandism for the apostolic and New Testament doctrine of the glorious coming of Jesus Christ. Find it for us, some of you who deny. Popery has tried to blot out that glorious truth, and Protestantism has well nigh forgotten to preach it. We are following popery in this thing of essaying to conquer the world for Christ, aye, we have come to the time when those who preach and proclaim this glorious truth are counted dreamers and fanatics. We Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and others, have about turned this whole matter over to the Seventh Day Adventists, so that if a speaker or writer ventures upon the subject we pass him by with a sneer. We have taken a tremendous dose of pupal Church-kingdom dogma and it has had the effect desired.

Want to argue of course!

Just wait a moment: let us show you a picture from the Book and then argue if you wish:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name writtenthat no man knew but he himself, he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he

treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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"And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse and against his army. And the **beast** was taken, and with him the false **prophet**, that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake burning with fire and brimstone."—Rev. 19:11-20.

Now get the chronology of this prophecy, first. To what time does it apply? **After the fall of Babylon and the marriage supper of the Lamb. What is the Beast? Pagan despotisms, in which Satan is incarnated. What is the false prophet? Popery. Compare Rev. 13:11-18.**

Who is the rider on the White Horse, leading this heavenly host? "The word (Logos) of God. (See Jno. 1:1). The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ. From whence does he ride? From heaven. When? After the marriage supper of the Lamb. Who follows him? The Armies of heaven, not of earth. What battle is this? The battle of Jesus Christ with the despotisms of the world, the incarnated institutions of Satan. Locate the event? "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him." Matt. 25:31. It is the last coming of Jesus in Glory, and to his power and glorious name will be the victory over hell and all his and our foes. It is the dawn of the last Day, the Millennial Day of a thousand years when Jesus shall come down and conquer the earth and reign over it.

Look back yonder in Rev. 11:15—

"And the seventh angel sounded (the last trumpet) and there were great voices in heaven saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.**"

This will usher in the Millennium or thousand years

reign of Christ on the earth; this will end the rule of the Beast and the False Prophet; this day will witness the resurrection of the sleeping saints of God the distribution of rewards to the faithful, the conquest of the world by Jesus Christ; and we shall sing him VICTOR all glorious. Then the saints will possess the kingdom and reign with him.

But until that time the Little Horn will prevail against the saints.

"Not unto us, not unto us," but unto him will be all the glory of the conquest of the powers of darkness!

Not unto the pope, or church, or organization, or hierarchy, or human wisdom or device but unto the "king eternal, immortal, invisible," will be all the glory.

Certainly we believe the world will be conquered by Christ, when he comes. **Certainly we are most optimistic, without giving the glory of the conquest to men. Certainly our heart leaps with joyous hope!**

(4) **The Gospel must be preached in all the world.**

.."And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." —Matt. 24:14.

Note the missionary is a herald, a messenger, a proclaimer, not a soldier, nor a conquerer; the object of the preaching is to **witness**, to bear testimony, not to make a conquest of the world. If we compare the mission work of the apostles and early churches with the methods of Romanism we shall see at once the vast difference between them. The apostles preached, established churches, went on their way and left the local churches and converts to manage their own affairs. Romanism establishes a diocese, places a bishop in charge, ties the converts on the Romish establishment, takes all their liberty away and makes the people the **subjects of the Pope politically and religiously.** The apostolic idea was to make Christ the only king, his word the law and the churches absolutely free from all authoritiy of men. The papal idea is to make the pope king, his word the law and all subject to

him as though he were God. The apostles were **witnesses** for Christ; the priests of Rome are **conquerors** for the pope. The apostles proclaimed the **coming** kingdom of Christ; the priest of Rome proclaim the pope a king in Christ's seat, and the **kingdom already established on earth.**

Romanism does not preach the gospel.. It does not teach repentance but penace. The Douay Bible, used by Rome, translates Metanoia **pennance,** when every scholar knows it is a false translation. Rome does not teach justification by faith, but salvation by works, even the works of supererogation. It does not teach free salvation as the gift of God, but as of human merit and that merit distributed sacramentally. For regeneration it substitutes baptism, for worship of God the worship of angels, saints, relics, and any and everything Romanism borrowed from Paganism and set up for men to worship. It has not a scintilla of the glorious gospel of grace in it from first to last that it has not polluted with sacredotalism, ceremonialism and idolatry. We dare not therefore reckon the propagandism of Rome the preaching of the gospel or witnessing for God, and therefore the gospel of grace must be preached in countries where Rome has polluted and corrupted the truth.

It is a question just how much of what is or has been preached among men may be called "this gospel of the kingdom." It is not **gospels,** but **gospel,** just one gospel, and that gospel must be "the faith once delivered to the saints." On this point Paul wrote: "Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed," so it is certain his conception of the gospel was that it was a very definite and specific message. So we are to understand that all the "other gospels" than that of Christ are not counted in the promise and prophecy. It behooves those who have the gospel to carry it to all the world as the Lord commanded, and when that is done, Jesus will come again. What an incentive and inspiration to churches and missionaries!

If we could get away from the Romish plan of making

a conquest of the world, and the time, energy and means wasted on the conquest system could be invested in gospel heraldry, like an angel in his flight, the heralds of the gospel could carry it to the ends of the earth in a very short time. But if we must stop and **conquer** and **garrison** and **hold** we shall have to have armies, navies, forts, and all the equipment of military campaigns and continuous war with opposing forces.

A missionary who has spent years in China and seen the slow progress, has lately given the results of his studies and investigations on the conquest system, and he writes it down deliberately that we have left the New Testament model and the Petrine and Pauline method and are following Rome and making a most miserable failure of the work. He pleads for a return to Biblical methods and ideals, **heraldry** and not **conquest.** But when the world-wise get in charge of religious energies and then imitate Rome, they make a preparatory school for Romanism, through which Rome draws recruits for her pernicious system of placing **men to rule in the churches of Christ.** Rome's daughters imitate her because she so educated them. If they find opposition they make war upon it and persecute those who oppose.

There are other signs of the end, but those noted above are here. Evidently we are in that period foretold when the "ten horns shall hate the whore and burn her with fire;" because the political powers of all Europe, the ten kingdoms which formerly were parts of the old Roman Empire, both pagan and papal, are now repelling popery. The statesmen of Italy, France, Portugal, Germany, England, Spain—all of them, are contending with the claims of the "Mother of Harlots" and the pope has been denied and refused all over Europe in his claim of temporal power. Truly they "hate the whore" and she feels the fires which are consuming her power in the old world.

The End Certain.

What the final end will be is settled. The Bible has spoken. Babylon will fall. The beast and false prophet will be conquered and cast alive, not dead, into the lake

of fire. A mighty angel will bind the "Old Dragon, the Devil, Satan" and shut him up in the bottomless pit, (Rev. 20:1-3) where he will remain for a thousand years, or a Millennium, after which he will be loosed a short season; but during that thousand years he will cease to deceive and the world will be under the government of Jesus Christ; and his saints, risen from the dead, will reign with him on the earth. Rev. 5:10. Read Micah fourth Chapter, Isa. ninth chapter, Zech. 14th chapter. These are Millennial prophecies. There are many others.

After the thousand years are ended Satan will be loosed a short season, the wicked will rise from the dead, the last resurrection, (See Rev. 20:5. The "rest of the dead" or remainder of the dead, left in death at the first resurrection of the saints "lived not again until the thousand years were finised" can apply only to the wicked dead.) Satan will gather his wicked forces again, the wicked risen from the dead, go up and compass the camp of the saints, the last battle will be fought, Satan will be finally mastered, the great "White Throne Judgement" will sit, the wicked will be judged, death and hell cast into the lake of fire, and the conflict between heaven and hell, God and Satan, Righteousness and Sin will be over forever.

While we are thus waiting in the evening time, with the age-lasting conflict gone before, the forces of Satan still about us, we have the prophecies and the promises of God. They come to us the only light to illumine our pathway. And while we in this land see the cohorts of Satanic forces in corruptions of all sorts gather to this land; while popery defeated and hated in all lands where it has ruled and corrupted, has turned to America and combining with commercial greed and political corruption is migrating to this land of religious liberty and openly proclaiming its foul purpose to make this land "Catholic," which can mean no less than place popery in power here to rule and corrupt, defeat and destroy the liberties wrested from it in blood, it seems the last battle with popery as a political power is to be fought out on American soil; and American Protestants have an opportunity

to show men and angels what manner of men they are.

America is the citadel of human liberty this day; it is the arsenal of religious truth and mighty missionary endeavor. Its light illumines and stimulates the Democracies of the world, political and religious. The slimy serpent of Romanism would wrap its anaconda folds about this mighty giant and crush it. It would train all its engines of destruction upo nthis citadel of liberty and education and capture and destroy it.

The Duke of Richmond, a monarchist, said that combined political and ecclesiastical despotism would destroy American liberties. His statesman's eye saw the rise of this mighty democracy of political and religious liberty illumine the world; he said the time would come when the despotisms of the world would combine to crush America to save themselves; that they would abuse our liberal constitution, ship in their traiterous and treacherous subjects, place their armies in position on our own soil, clothe them with the ballot, and then at a given word crush the very liberties they swore to uphold and defend. Has that time come? Certainly America has welcomed, and continues to welcome, the vipers of political and ecclesiastical despotisms to her bosom. We hear the hiss, see the forked tongues of these serpents, and those of us who stand in the front of this conflict with Romanism in America know the venom with which they are now striking at every principle and privilege of our liberties. In nation, states, municipalities, schools, press, everywhere, they are striking at the very life of our liberties, and while we wrestle with this slimy serpent we are amazed at the ignorance and apathy of the millions of Americans who sleep or laugh and sport while we enter the death-conflict with these powers of hell.

Convinced as we are that this battle with Rome will continue until Jesus comes; that the consumption and defeat of Rome will be gradual and culminate with the coming of Christ; that angered by the fires of hatred that burn her out of Europe and drive her to this land, she will strike with all the power, wisdom and venom

the devil who rules her can put into her, as she tries to rebuild here the fallen powers of the Dark Ages, our conception of the peril confronting this land assumes the form of a possible and probable national tragedy, in which the beast and the false prophet will creep upon us while we sleep and the nation will awake only too late to find itself enwrapped in the coils of this serpent and its life crushed out. Already it crushes cities and states, its coils are wrapping about our national legislature. Presidents either bow to its demands or are silent in its presence. Demagogues court and serve it for votes. It fills the courts, the legislatures, the army, the navy and hordes are in official position where they can serve the pope. Today it is wrapped about our closest neighbor republic, Mexico, and with Jesuitical conspiracy, midnight assassination and despotic powers assumed, is crushing liberty to death. "Semper Idem"—ever the same, it cries, as it declares its motto, "Make America Catholic," while its priests, jesuits, minions by the million infest the land, clothed with the franchise and more are coming by the million yearly. And when we cry aloud the danger and call men to wake up and act, the demagogues who sell us to Rome as Judas sold the Christ and the time-servers who do not wish to be disturbed, ignorance as dense as midnight and the minions of Rome who do not wish us to awake until it has us in its deadly grasp, unite their treacherous, cowardly, ignorant voices to condemn us as disturbers of the peace, as fanatics who are incapable and fools insufferable.

This battle with Rome will be fought out by people who believe the Bible. They alone have the light, the hope and the motive which must unite to give courage for such a conflict. The self-seekers, the time servers, the demagogues, the cowards, the ignorant, the vicious have never entered a conflict with hell and they never will. They will either flee from it or they will unite their efforts with popery. Avarice and ambition are already selling us to Rome. Cowardice is fleeing. Ignorance is scorning and deriding. Romanism emboldened is making open warfare upon us, it holds the assassin's knife to

the throat of liberty and is using the bludgeon and the courts to kill a free press. And thus the few who know God and believe the Bible are left to enter this conflict, in a land of boasted liberty and learning, with the foulest and blackest institution that ever blasphemed God, belied history, robbed and enslaved humanity, corrupted the world and served the devil incarnate in it.

Never before in the history of America has its citizenship been called to meet an issue like this. Never before has the devil had such a strangle-hold on the throat of American institutions. Never did the devil hide himself more completely under the Lamb-skin of Religious Liberty and the name of Christ, and never was he more envenomed or determined. He knows his time is short, that the Victor is coming and that this is to be his last battle ground. See him plant his foul feet in Mexico to strike it down, and his minions swarming in this land to help him.

God Almighty help us Now!
Heaven give us wisdom and courage now!
Lord Jesus lead us now!
Come Lord Jesus, Come Quickly! Amen.

THE EVENING AND THE COMING DAY.

Long, long hath been the day, Father,
Through morning, noon and eve;
Still round Thy throne we gather,
With longings, still believe.

The battle still recounting,
The long, dark bloody age;
Prophetic finger pointing,
Hope finds on every page.

This light alone the darkness
About us can illume;
This hope alone endow us,
The conflict to resume.

'Tis evening now, the shadows
Make gold the evening sky;
The promised victory gladdens
Each waiting watchful eye.

Sweet rest our strength refreshing,
In an entombed sleep;
Of coming Sabbath dreaming,
We'll wake no more to weep.

Past trials, conflicts, sadness,
Past death and weepings sore;
Comes Holy Sabbath gladness
And joy forever more.

J. A. Scarboro, Magnolia, Ark., Oct. 28, 1913.

CHAPTER IX.

Papal Infallibility Refuted, Bishop Strosmayer, Vatican Council.

Note by the Author:—It is said the following article is a "forgery." The charge does not specify in what respect the forgery is charged, whether of authorship or circumstances. We do not know whether there was a Bishop Strosmayer, nor whether he delivered such a speech in the Vatican Council. But one thing we do know is that the arguments adduced against Papal Infallibility are Scripturally and historically correct. Whether such a speech was made in that Council or not, it ought to have been made. And it may be that the author of these Scriptural and historic arguments gave the argument a hyperbolic setting, put it in the mouth of a Romish bishop and before a Romish Council, with a reception such as it would doubtless have received in that Council, in order to make the evidence and argument all the more striking. The hyperbolic argument is one of the strongest that can be made.

Some years ago a United States Senator delivered a tirade in the Senate against a certain section of the country, denouncing its citizens and its people in general. In reply a Senator from that section introduced a purely fictitious character, clothed him in fictitious garb, set him on a rail fence which was also fictitious, and then put his argument into the mouth of his fictittious character and it was so complete and overwhelming an answer the Senate rose en masse and cheered the Senator to the echo. The personelle and situation were purely fictitious, but the arguments were hard facts and conclusive.

So in this case, the personelle and situation may be fictitious, hyperbolic, but the evidence and arguments are hard facts and no fiction at all. No man lives who can or will answer the evidence and arguments in this chapter against Papal Infallibility. This article appeared in

The Sentinel, Toronto,, Canada, and we have had many requests for it in permanent form. That is why we reproduce it here.

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The papal claim of infallibility was not put forward, authoritatively, until the year 1870. It was bitterly opposed by Lord Acton,, the greatest Roman Catholic in England, and by scores of the greatest orelates in the church. But in spite of all their efforts the intrigues of the Jesuits won the day, and belief in the right of the Pope to rule the whole human race became necessary to salvation in the eyes of Rome. This amazing decision was reached during a thunderstorm, and the next day war fomented by the Jesuits broke out between Germany and France. Had France won, the temporal power policy might be more seriously regarded today, but France was beaten and in a few months Garbildi's army broke the power of the pope, and Italy was free. Since that time the Pope has sulked, a voluntary prisoner, in the Vatican.

During the Œcumenical Council that decided in favor of papal infallibility one of the most remarkable addresses ever made by a Roman prelate was delivered by Bishop Strossmayer, in spite of being heckled and badgered at every step. We advise our readers to clip out this reproduction of his speech and read it often in the light of subsequent events. Here is the text of the speech:

"Venerable Fathers and Brethren: It is not without trembling, yet with a conscience free and tranquil before God who lives and sees me, that I open my mouth in the midst of you in this august assembly.

"From the time that I have been sitting here with you, I have followed with attention the speeches that have been made in the hall, hoping, with great desire, that a ray of light, descending from on high, might enlighten the eyes of my understanding, and permit me to vote the canons of this Œcumenical Council with perfect knowledge of the case.

"Penetrated with the feelings of responsibility, of which God will demand of me an account, I have set myself to study with the most serious attention the writings of the Old and New Testament, and I have asked these venerable monuments of truth to make me know if the Holy Pontiff, who presides here, is truly the successor of St. Peter, Vicar of Jesus Christ, and infallible doctor of the church.

"To resolve this grave question, I have been obliged to ignore the present stage of things, and to transport myself in mind, with the evangelical torch in my hand, to the days when there was neither Ultramontanism nor Gallicanism, and in which the church had for doctors St. Paul, St. Peter, St. James, and St. John—doctors to whom no one can deny the Divine authority without putting in doubt that which the Holy Bible, which is here before me, teaches us, and which the Council of Trent has proclaimed the rule of faith and of morals.

What Saith The Scriptures?

"I have, then, opened these sacred pages. Well! Shall I dare to say it? I have found nothing either near or far which sanctions the opinion of the Ultramontanes. And still more, to my great surprise, I find no question in the Apostolic days of a Pope successor to St. Peter and Vicar of Jesus Christ, no more than of Mohammed, who did not exist.

"You, Monsignor Manning, will say that I blaspheme; you, Monsignor Pie, that I am mad. No. Monsignors, I do not blaspheme, and I am not mad! Now, having read the whole New Testament, I declare before God, with my hand raised to that great Crucifix, that I have found no trace of the Papacy as it exists at this moment.

"Do not refuse me your attention, my venerable brethren, and with your murmurings and interruptions do not justify those who say, like Father Hyacinthe, that this Council is not free, but that our votes have been from the beginning ordered (in precedenza imposti). If such were the case, this august assembly, on which the eyes of the whole world are turned, would fall into the most shameful discredit. If we wish to make it great, we must be free.

"I thank his Excellency Monsignor Dupanloup, for the

sign of approbation which he makes with his head; that gives me courage and I go on.

Peter Not Head of The Apostles.

"Reading, then, the sacred books with that attention with which the Lord has made me capable, I do not find one single chapter, or one little verse, in which Jesus Christ gives to St. Peter the mastery over the Apostles, his fellow-workers.

"If Simon son of Jonah had been what we believe his holiness Pio IX to be today, it is wonderful that He had not said to him, 'When I shall have ascended to my Father, you shall obey Simon Peter as you obey Me. I establish him my vicar on earth.'

"Not only is Christ silent on this point, but so little does He think of giving a head to the church, that when He promises thrones to His Apostles, to judge the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. xix. 21), He promises them twelve, one for each, without saying that among these thrones one shall be higher than the others—which shall belong to Peter. Certainly, if He had wished that it should be so, He would have said it. What do we conclude from His silence? Logic tells us that Christ did not wish to make St. Peter the head of the Apostolic company.

"When Christ sent the Apostles to conquer the world, to all He gave equally power to bind and to loose, and to all He gave the promise of the Holy Spirit. Permit me to repeat it: if he had wished to constitute Peter his Vicar, He would have given him the chief command over His spiritual army.

"Christ, so says Holy Scriptures, forbade Peter and his colleagues to reign, or to exercise lordship, or to have authority over the faithful, like the Kings of the Gentiles (St. Luke xxii. 25.) If St. Peter had been elected Pope, Jesus would not have spoken thus, because, according to our tradition, the Papacy holds in its hands two swords, symbols of spiritual and temporal power.

"One thing has surprised me very much. Turning it over in my mind, I said to myself, If Peter had been elected Pope, would his colleagues have been permitted to send him with St. John to Samaria, to announce the gospel of the Son of God? (Acts viii. 14.)

"What would you think, venerable brethren, if at this moment we permitted ourselves to send his Holiness Pius IX. and his excellency Monsignor Plantier to go to the Patriarch of Constantinople to pledge him to put an end to the Eastern schism?

St. James Presided There.

"But here is another still more important fact. An Œcumenical Council is assembled at Jerusalem, to decide on the questions which divide the faithful. Who would have called together this Council if St. Peter had been Pope? St. Peter. Who would have presided at it? St. Peter or his Legates. Who would have formed or promulgated the canons? St. Peter. Well! nothing of all this occurred. The Apostles assisted at the Council, as all the others did, and it was not he who summed up, but St. James; and when the decrees were promulgated, it was in the name of the Apostles, the Elders, and the brethren (Acts xv.)

"Is it thus that we do in our church? The more I examine, O venerable brethren, the more I am convinced that in the Holy Scriptures the son of Jonah does not appear to be first. Now, while we teach that the church is built upon Peter, St. Paul, whose authority cannot be doubted, says in his Epistle to the Ephesians (ii. 20) that it is built on the "foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone.'

"And the same Apostle believes so little in the supremacy of St. Peter that he openly blames those who say, 'We are of Paul, we are of Apolos' (I Corinthians i. 12), as those who would say, We are of Peter. If. therefore, this last Apostle had been the Vicar of Christ, St. Paul would have taken great care not to censure so violently those who belonged to his own colleague.

"The same Apostle Paul, counting up the offices of the church, mentions Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors.

"Is it to be believed, my venerable brethren, that St. Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles, would have forgotten the first of these offices, the Papacy, if the Papacy

had been of Divine institution? This forgetfulness appeared to me to be as impossible as if an historian of this Council were not to mention one word of his Holiness Pius IX. (Several voices, 'silence, heretic, silence!')

Pure Faith, No Papacy.

"Calm yourselves, venerable brethren; I have not yet finished. Forbidding me to go on, you show yourselves to the world to do wrong, and to shut the mouth of the smallest members of this assembly. I continue—

"The Apostle Paul makes no mention in any of his letters directed to the various churches of the Primacy of Peter. If this primacy had existed, if, in one word, the church had had in its body a supreme head, infallible in teaching, would the great Apostle of the Gentiles have forgotten to mention it? What do I say? He would have written a long letter on this all-important subject. Then when, as he has actually done, the edifice of the Christian doctrine is erected, would the foundation, the key of the arch, be forgotten? Now, unless you hold that the church of the Apostles was heretical, which none of us would either desire or dare to say, we are obliged to confess that the church has never been more beautiful, more pure, or more holy than in the days when there was no Pope. (Cries of 'It is not true. It is not true.') Let not Monsignor di Lavel say 'No.' Since, if any of you, my venerable brethren, should dare to think that the church, which has today a pope for its head, is more firm in the faith, more pure in its morals, than the Apostolic church, let him say it openly in the face of the universe, since this inclosure is the center from which our words fly from pole to pole. I go on

"Neither in the writings of St. Paul, St. John, or St. James have I found a trace or germ of the Papal power. St. Luke, the historian of the missionary labors of the Apostles, is silent on this all-important point.

"The silence of these holy men, whose writings make part of the canon of the divinely-inspired Scriptures, has appeared to me burdensome and impossible if Peter had been Pope, and as unjustifiable as if Theirs, writing the history of Napoleon Bonaparte, had omitted the title of

Emperor.

"I see there before me a member of the Assembly who says, pointing at me with his finger, 'There is a schismatic Bishop, who has got among us under false colors.'

"No, no, my venerable brethren, I have not entered this august assembly as a thief by the window, but by the door, like yourselves: my title of bishop gave me the right to it, as my Christian conscience forces me to speak and say that which I believe to be true.

The Silence of St. Peter.

"That which has surprised me most, and which moreover, is capable of demonstration, is, if the Apostle had been what we proclaim him to be (that is, the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth), he surely would have known it; if he had known it, how is it that not once did he act as Pope? He might have done it on the day of Pentecost, when he pronounced his first sermon, and he did not do it at the Council of Jerusalem, and he did not do it; at Antioch, and he did not do it; neither in the two letters directed to the church. Can you imagine such a Pope, my venerable brethren, if St. Peter had been the Pope?

"Now, if you wish to maintain that he was the Pope, the natural consequence arises that you must maintain that he was ignorant of the fact. Now, I ask whoever has a head to think and a mind to reflect, are these two suppositions possible?

"To return. I say, while the Apostles lived, the church never thought there could be a Pope. To maintain the contrary, all the sacred writings must have been thrown to the flames, or entirely ignored.

Was St. Peter Ever in Rome?

"But I hear it said on all sides, was not St. Peter at Rome? Was he not crucified with his head down? Are the seats on which he taught, and the altars at which he said the Mass, not in this eternal city?

"St. Peter having been at Rome, my venerable brethren, rests only on tradition; but if he had been Bshop of Rome, how can you from the Episcopate prove his supre-

macy? Scaligero, one of the most learned of men, has not hesitated to say that St. Peter's Episcopate and resi-'ence at Rome ought to be classed with ridiculous legends. (Repeated cries, 'Shut his mouth, shut his mouth: make him come down from the pulpit.')

"Venerable brethren, I am ready to be silent; but is it not better, in an assembly like ours, to prove all things as the Apostle commands, an dto believe what is good? But, my venerable friends, we have a Dictator, before vhom we must all prostrate ourselves and be silent, even his Holiness Pius IX., and bow our heads. This dictator is history.

"This is not like a legend, which can be made as the potter makes his clay, but is like a diamond, which cuts on the glass words which cannot be canceled. Till now I have only leaned on her, and if I have found no trace of the Papacy in the Apostolic days the fault is ers, not mine. Do you wish to put me in the position of one accused of falschood? You may do it if you can.

"I hear from the right these words: 'Thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.' (Matt. xvi.)

"I will answer this objection presently, my venerable brethren; but, before doing so, I wish to present you with the result of my historical researches.

No Trace of Papacy.

"Finding no trace of the Papacy in the days of the Apostles, I said to myself, I shall find what I am in search of in the annals of the church. WELL—I SAY IT FRANKLY—I HAVE SOUGHT FOR A POPE IN THE FIRST FOUR CENTURIES, AND I HAVE NOT FOUND HIM.

"These authorities, and I might have a hundred more of equal value, do they not prove, with a clearness equal to the splendor of the sun at midday, that the first Bishops of Rome were not till much later recognized as universal Bishops and heads of the church? And on the other hand, who does not know that from the year 325, in which the Frist Council of Nice was held, down to 580, the year of the second Œcumenical Council of Constantinople,

among more than 1,109 Bishops who assisted at the six First General Councils, there were not more than nineteen Western Bishops?

"Who does not know that the Councils were convoked by the Emperors, without informing, and sometimes against the wish of the Bshop of Rome? That Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, presided at the First Council of Nice, and edited the canons of it? The same Hosius presided afterwards at the Council of Sardica, excluding the legate of Julius, Bishop of Rome. I say no more, my venerable brethren, and I come now to speak of the great argument which you mentioned before—to establish the Primacy of the Bshop of Rome.

On This Rock Will I Build.

"By the rock (pietra) on which the holy church is built, you understand Peter (Pietro). If this were true, the dispute would be at an end; but our forefathers—and they certainly knew something—did not think of it as we do.

"St. Cyril, in his fourth book on the Trinity, says: 'I believe that by the rock you must understand the unshaken faith of the Apostles.' St. Hilary, Bishop of Poictiers, in his second book on the Trinity, says: 'The rock (pietra) is the blessed and only rock of the faith confessed by the mouth of St. Peter;' and in the sixth book of the Trinity he says, 'It is on this rock of the confession of faith that the church is built.' 'God,' says St. Jerome, in the sixth book of St. Matthew, 'has founded His church on this rock, and it is from this rock that the Apostle Peter has been named.' After him, St. Chrysostom says in his fifty-third homily on St. Matthew, 'On this rock I will build my church—that is on the faith of the confession.' Now what was the confession of the Apostle? Here it is: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

"Ambrose, the holy Archbishop of Milan (on the second chapter of the Ephesians), St. Basil of Seleucia, and the Fathers of the Council of Chalcedon, teach exactly the same thing.

"Of all the doctors of Christian antiquity, St. Augus-

tine occupies one of the first places for knowledge and holiness. Listen, then, to what he writes in his second treatise on the First Epistle of St. John: 'What do the words mean, I will build my church on this rock? On this faith, on that which said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

"In his one hundred and twenty-fourth treatise on St. John, we find this most significant phrase: 'On this rock, which thou hast confessed, I will build my church since Christ was the rock.'

"The great bishop believed so little that the church was built on St. Peter, that he said to his people in his thirteenth sermon, 'Thou art Peter, and on this rock (pietra) which thou hast confessed, on this rock which thou hast known, saying, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, I will build My church above Myself, who am the Son of the living God: I will build it on Me, and not Me on thee.'

"That which St. Augustine thought upon this celebrated passage was the opinion of all Christendom in his time. Therefore to resume, I establish—

"1. That Jesus had given His Apostles the same power that He gave to St. Peter.

"2. THAT THE APOSTLE NEVER RECOGNIZED IN ST. PETER THE VICAR OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE INFALLIBLE DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

"3. THAT ST. PETER NEVER THOUGHT OF BEING POPE AND NEVER ACTED AS IF HE WERE POPE.

"4. That the councils of the four first centuries, while they recognized the high position which the Bishop of Rome occupied in the church on account of Rome, only accorded to him a preeminence of honor—never of power or of jurisdiction.

"5. THAT THE HOLY FATHERS, IN THE FAMOUS PASSAGE, THOU ART PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHURCH WAS BUILT ON PETER (SUPER PETRUM), BUT ON THE ROCK (SUPER PETRAM), THAT IS, ON THE CONFESSION OF THE

FAITH OF THE APOSTLE.

"I conclude victoriously with history, with reason, with logic, with good sense, and with a Christian conscience, that Jesus Christ did not confer any supremacy on St. Peter, and that the Bishops of Rome did not become sovereigns of the Church, but only by confiscating one by one all the rights of the Episcopate. (Voices: 'Silence, impudent Protestant! silence!')

"I AM NOT AN IMPUDENT PROTESTANT! NO, A THOUSAND TIMES, NO.

> "History is neither Catholic, nor Anglican, nor Calvanistic, nor Lutheran, nor Arminian, nor Schismatic Greek, nor Ultramontane. She is —that is, something stronger than all confessions of Faith of the Canons of the OEcumenical Councils.

"Write against it, if you dare, but you cannot destroy it, no more than taking a brick out of the Coliseum would make it fall. If I have said anything which history proves to be false, show it to me by history, and without a moment's hesitation I will make an honorable apology; but be patient and you will see that I have not said all that I would or could; and even were the funeral pile waiting for me in the Place of St. Peter, I should not be silent, and I am obliged to go on.

The Pope's Infallibility.

"Monsignor Dupanloup, in his celebrated "Observations" on this council of the Vatican, has said, and with reason, that if we declare Piux IX. infallible, we must necssarily, and from natural logic, be obliged to hold that all his predecessors were also infallible. Well! then, venerable brethren, here history raises its voice with authority to assure us that some Popes have erred. You may protest against it, or deny it, as you please. But I will prove it.

"Pope Victor (192) first approved of Montanism and then condemned it.

"Marcellinus (296-303) was an idolater. He entered into the temple of Vesta, and offered incense to the

goddess. You will say that it was an act of weakness, but I answer, a Vicar of Jesus Christ dies, but does not become an apostate.

"Liberius (358) consented to the condemnation of Athanasius, and made a profession of Arianism, that he might be recalled from his exile and reinstated in his see.

"Honorius (625) adhered to Monothelitism; Father Gratry has proved it to demonstration.

"Gregory I. (578-90) calls any one Antichrist who takes the name of Universal Bishop, and contrawise Boniface III. (607-8) made the parricide Emperor Phocas confer that title upon him.

"Pascal II. (1088-99) and Eugenius III. (1145-53) authorized duelling; Julius II. (1509) and Pius IV. (1596) forbade it. Eugenius IV. (1431-39) approved of the Council of Basle and the restitution of the chalice of the church of Bohemia. Pius II. (1458) revoked the concession. HEDRIAN II. (867-872) DECLARED CIVIL MARRIAGES TO BE VALID; PIUS VII. (1800-23) CONDEMNED THEM. SIXTUS V. (1585-90) PUBLISHED AN EDITION OF THE BIBLE, AND BY A BULL RECOMMENDED IT TO BE READ. PIUS VII. CONDEMNED THE READING OF IT. CLEMENT XIV. (1700-21) ABOLISHED THE ORDER OF THE JESUITS, PERMITTED BY PAUL III., PIUS VII. RE-ESTABLISHED IT.

"But why look for such remote proofs? Has not our Holy Father here present, in his Bull which gave the rules for this Council, in the event of his dying while it was sitting, revoked all that in past times may be contrary to it, even when that proceeds from the decisions of his predecessors? And certainly if Pius IX. has spoken ex-cathedra, it is not when from the depths of his sepulchre he imposes his will on the sovereigns of the church. I SHOULD NEVER FINSH, MY VENERABLE BRETHREN, IF I WERE TO PUT BEFORE YOUR EYES THE CONTRADICTIONS OF THE POPES IN THEIR TEACHING. If, then, you proclaim the infallibility of the actual Pope you must either prove that which is impossible, that the Popes never contradicted each other,

or else you must declare that the Holy Spirit has revealed to you that the infallibility of the Papacy only dates from 1870. Are you bold enough to do that?

"Perhaps the people may be indifferent, and pass by theological questions which they do not understand, and of whcih they do not see the importance; but though they may be indifferent to principles, they are not so to facts.

"Now, do not deceive yourselves. If you decree the dogma of Papal infallibility, the Protestants, our adversaries, will mount in the breach, the more bold that they have history on their side, whilst we have only our own denial against them. What can we say to them when they show up all the Bishops of Rome from the days of Luke to his Holiness Pius IX.?

"Ah! if they had all been like Pius IX., we should triumph on the whole line,—but, alas, it is not so. (Cries of 'Silence, silence; enough, enough.') Do not cry out, Monsignori! To fear history is to own yourself conquered; and, moreover, if you made the whole water of the Tiber pass over it, you would not cancel a single page. Let me speak, and I will be as short as it is possible on this most important subject.

Purchased His Position.

"Pope Vigilius (538) purchased the Papacy from Belisarius, Lieutenant of the Emperor Justinian. It is true that he broke his promise, and never paid for it.

"Is this a canonical mode of binding on the tiara? The Second Council of Chalcedon had formally condemned it. In one of its canons you read 'that the Bishop who obtains his Episcopate by money shall lose it, and be degraded.'

"Pope Eugenius III. (IV. in orig.) (1145) imitated Vigilius. St. Bernard, the bright star of his age, reproves the Pope, saying to him, 'Can you show me in this great city of Rome any one who would have received you as Pope, if they had not received gold or silver for it?'

"My venerable brethren, will a Pope who establishes a bank at the gates of the Temple be inspired by the Holy Spirit? Will he have any right to teach the Church infallibility?

"You know the history of Formosus too well for me to add to it. Stephen XI. made his body be exhumed, dressed in his pontificial robes; he made the fingers which he used for giving the benediction be cut off, and then had them thrown into the Tiber, declaring him to be a perjurer and illegitimate. He was then imprisoned by the people, poisoned, and strangled. But look how matters were readjusted.

"Romanus, successor of Stephen, and after him John X., rehabilitated the memory of Formosus.

"BUT YOU WILL TELL ME THESE ARE FABLES, NOT HISTORY. FABLES! GO, MONSIGNORI, TO THE VATICAN LIBRARY, AND READ PLATINA, THE HISTORIAN OF THE PAPACY, AND THE ANNALS OF BARONIUS (A. D. 897).

"These are facts which, for the honor of the Holy See, we should wish to ignore; but when it is to define a dogma which may provoke a great schism in our midst the love which we bear to our venerable mother church, Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman, ought it to impose silence on us? I go on.

Corrupt and Wicked Popes.

"The learned Cardinal Baronius, speaking of the Papal Court, says,—give attention, my venerable brtheren to these words,—'What did the Roman church appear in those days—how infamous, only all-powerful courtesans governing in Rome? It was they who gave, exchanged, and took bishoprics; and, horrible to relate, they got their lovers, the false Popes, put on the throne of St. Peter' (Baronius, A. D. 912).

"YOU WILL ANSWER—THESE WERE FALSE POPES, NOT TRUE ONES: LET IT BE SO; BUT IN THAT CASE, IF FOR FIFTY YEARS THE SEE OF ROME WAS OCCUPIED BY ANTI-POPES, HOW WILL YOU PICK UP AGAIN THE THREAD OF THE PONTIFICIAL SUCCESSION?

"Has the church been able, at least for a century and a half, to go on without a head, and find itself acephalous? Look now! The greatest number of these anti-Popes appear in the genealogical tree of the Papacy, and assuredly it must have been these that Baronius described, because Genebrardo, the great flatterer of the Popes, had dared to say in his chronicles (A. D. 901,) 'This century is unfortunate, as for nearly 150 years the Popes have fallen from all the virtues of their predecessors, and have become Apostates rather than Apostles.'

> "I can understand how the illustrious Baronius must have blushed when he narrated the acts of these Roman bishops. Speaking of John XI. (931,) natural son of Pope Sergius and of Marozia, he wrote these words in his annals: 'The Holy Church, that is, the Roman, has been vilely trampled on by such a monster.' John XII. (956), elected Pope at the age of eighteen, through the influence of courtesans, who was not one bit better than his predecessor.

"I GRIEVE, MY VENERABLE BRETHREN, TO STIR UP SO MUCH FILTH. I am silent on Alexander VI., father and lover of Lucretia; I turn away from John XXII. (1316), who denied the immortality of the soul, and was deposed by the holy Œcumenical Council of Constance.

"Some will maintain that this Council was only a private one; let it be so; but if you refuse any authority to it, as a logical sequence you must hold the nomination of Martin V. (1417) as illegal. What then will become of the Papal Succession? Can you find the thread of it?

"I do not speak of the schisms which have dishonored the church. In these unfortunate days the see of Rome was occupied by two, and sometimes even three competitors. Which of these was the true Pope?

Worse Than Judas Iscariot.

"Resuming once more, again I say, if you decree the infallibility of the present Bishop of Rome you must establish the infallibility of all the preceding ones, without excluding any; but can you do that when history is there establishing, with a clearness equal only to that of the sun, that the Popes have erred in their teachings? Could you do it, and maintain that avaricious, incestuous, mur-

dering, simonical Popes have been Vicars of Jesus Christ? O venerable brethren, to maintain such an enormity would be to betray Christ worse than Judas; it would be to throw dirt in his face. (Cries, 'Down from the pulpit, quick! shut the mouth of the heretic!')

"My venerable brthren, you cry out; but would it not be more dignified to weigh my reasons and my proofs in the balance of the sanctuary? Believe me, history cannot be made over again; it is there, and will remain to all eternity, to protest energetically against the dogma of the Papal infallibility. You may proclaim it unanimously; but one vote will be wanting and that is mine!

"The true, faithful, Monsignori, have their eyes on us, expecting from us a remedy for the innumerable evils whch dishonor the church: will you deceive them in their hopes? What will not our responsibility before God be, if we let this solemn occasion pass, which God has given us to heal the true faith?

"Let us seize it, my brethren; let us arm ourselves with holy courage; let us make a violent and generous effort; let us turn to the teaching of the Apostles, since without that we have only errors, darkness and false traditions.

"Let us avail ourselves of our reason and of our intelligence, to take the Apostles and Prophets as our only infallible masters with reference to the question of questions, 'What must I do to be saved?' When we have decided that, we shall have laid the foundation of our dogmatic system.

"Firm and immovable on the rock, lasting and incorruptible, of the divinely inspired Holy Scriptures, full of confidence, we will go before the world, and like the Apostle Paul, in presence of the freethinkers, we will 'know none other than Jesus Christ and Him crucified.' We will conquer through the preaching of 'the folly of the Cross,' as Paul conquered the learned men of Greece and Rome, and the Roman church will have its glorious 1889. (Clamorous cries, 'Get down! out with the Protestant, the Calvanist, the traitor of the church!')

Anathema to the Apostle.

"Your cries, Monsignori, do not frighten me. If my words are hot, my head is cool: I am neither of Luther, nor of Calvin, nor of Paul, nor of Apollos, but of Christ. (Renewed cries, Anathema, anathema, to the apostate.')

"Anathema! Monsignori, anathema! ye know well that you are not protesting against me: but against the holy Apostles, under whose protection I should wish this Council to place the Chlurch. Ah! if covered with their winding-sheets they came out of their tombs, would they speak a language different from mine?

"What would you say to them, when by their writings they tell you that the Papacy has deviated from the Gospel of the Son of God, which they have preached and confirmed in so generous a manner by their blood? Would you dare to say to them, We prefer the teaching of our own Popes, our Bellarmin, our Ignatius Loyola, to yours? No, no, a thousand times no; unless you have shut your ears that you may not hear, closed your eyes that you may not see, blunted your mind that you may not understand. Ah! if He who reigns above wishes to punish us, make His hand fall heavy on us, as He did to Pharaoh, He has no need to permit Garibaldi's soldiers to drive us away from the eternal city. He has only to let them make Pius IX. a god, as we have made a goddess of the blessed Virgin.

"Stop, stop, venerable brethren, on the odius and ridiculous incline on which you have placed yourselves: SAVE THE CHURCH FROM THE SHIPWRECK WHICH THREATENS HER, ASKING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ALONE FOR THE RULE OF FAITH WHICH WE OUGHT TO BELIEVE AND TO PROFESS. I have spoken: may God help me!"

CHAPTER X.

The Principles and Practices of Romanism.

On Religious Liberty:

The Roman Catholic Interpretation of Religious Liberty

"We Catholics **start out with the principle that Catholicism is the only religious truth,** and that man is naturally Christian, and is bound to be so in order to save his soul, **and on those grounds and for those purposes we demand liberty whenever and wherever it is denied us; but we object with all our might that it should be a necessary consequence or correlated obligation to grant the same liberty to those who oppose us.** And if we were to feel or to act otherwise, we should acknowledge ourselves illogical in our most intimate convictions. . . . . Let not the decree of Constantine be invoked as an example of that toleration which grants liberty to error, for whatever is permitted to error is a violation of the rights of the true religion.—La Lectura Dominical (Madrid), quoted in the Morning Star, 'official Catholic journal of the archdiocese of New Orleans and the diocese of Savannah,' May 31, 1913.

"The nineteenth century may not be able to understand it, or, if understanding it, to accept it; yet it is true that **the spiritual is the superior and the law of the temporal.** The supremacy belongs in all things of right to God, **represented on earth by the(Catholic)church or the spiritual order. The temporal has no rights, no legitimacy save as subordinated to the spiritual**—that is, to the end for which man is created and exists. The end for which all creatures are made and exist is not temporal, but spiritual and eternal; for it is God himself who is the final cause, as well as the first cause, of creation. The end, or God as final cause, prescribes the law which all men must obey, or fail of attaining their end, which is their supreme good. **This law all men and nations, kings and people, sovereigns and subjects, are alike bound to**

obey; it is for all men, for states and empires, no less than for individuals, the supreme law, the law and the only law that binds the conscience.

Now, religion is this law, and includes all that it commands to be done, all that it forbids to be done, and all the means and conditions of its fulfillment. The (Catholic) church, as all Catholics hold, is the embodiment of this law, and is therefore in her very nature and constitution teleological. **She speaks always and everywhere with the authority of God,** as the final cause of creation, **and therefore her words are law, her commands are the commands of God.** Christ, who is God as well as man, is her personality, and therefore she lives, teaches, and governs in him, and he in her. This being so, it is clear that **religious liberty must consist in the unrestrained freedom and independence of the church to teach and govern all men and nations, princes and people, rulers and ruled, in all thiugs enjoined by the teleological law of man's existence, and therefore in the recognition and maintenance for the church of that very supreme authority which the popes have always claimed,** and against which the Reformation protested, and which secular princes are generally disposed to resist when it crosses their pride, their policy, their ambition, or their love of power. Manifestly, then, religious liberty and Protestantism are mutually antagonistic, each warring against the other.—The Catholic World, Vol. XI, No. 61, April, 1870, page 8.

From the Bull of Paul III, in decree of excommunication of Henry VIII, of England:

"Paul, Bishop, the servant of servants of Christ. For perpetual memory.

"We, though unworthy, being placed **over all nations,** and in the seat of justice, by the celemency of him so ordering it, who remaineth himself immovable, does in his providence give all things to move in admirable order. And we, also, according to the prophecy of Jeremiah, saying,'Behold I have set thee **over the nations, and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down and to destroy, and to throw down,** and to build and plant; having obtained **supreme power over the kings of the whole earth,**

and over all people."—Bowers History of the Popes, Vol. iii, pp. 475-481.

"The pope is appointed of God as the superior of every other sovereign."—Sixtus V.

"We hold on earth the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we de hereby declare the above named prince, who has rendered himself unworthy of the honors of sovereignty, and for his crimes has been deposed from his throne by God, to be bound by his sins, and cast off by his Lord, and deprived of all his honors, and we do hereby sentence and deprive him; and all who are in any way bound to him by an oath of allegiance, we forever absolve and release from that oath."—Innocent IV. Matt. Paris 1285.

"Go to, therefore, most holy Prince of the Apostles, and what I said, by interposing your authority, confirm; that all men may now at length understand, if you can bind and loose in heaven, that ye also can upon earth TAKE AWAY AND GIVE EMPIRES AND KINGDOMS AND WHATSOEVER MORTALS CAN HAVE: For if ye judge things belonging to God, what is to be deemed concerning these inferior and profane things?"—Gregory VII. Pope's Supremacy, Isaac Barrow's page 7.

"Religious Liberty, in the sense of a liberty possessed by every man to choose his own religion, is one of the most wicked delusions ever foisted upon this age by the father of all deceits."—The Rambler, R. C. page 106.

"The church tolerates heretics where she is obliged to, but she hates them with deadly hatred, and uses all her power to annihilate them. Our enemies know how they treated heretics in the middle ages, and how she treats them to-day where she has the power. We no more think of denying these historic facts than we do of blaspheming the Holy God and the princes of the church for what they have thought fit to do."—Archbishop Ryan, Sermon, Phil. page 107.

"Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic World."—Bishop O'Connor.

"The day will come when Roman Catholics will take this country and build their institutions over the grave of Protestantism, and then religious liberty is at an end."—Father Hecker.

"The church has the right to avail itself of force and to use the temporal power for that purpose."—Pius IX.

"The church has the right, in virtue of her divine commission, to require everyone to accept her doctrine. If she tolerates one sect she must tolerate every sect, and thereby give herself up."—Cardinal Manning.

"Protestantism in every form has not and never can have any right where Catholicity is triumphant."—Catholic Review.

"When there is a Protestant majority we claim religious liberty because such is their principle; but when we are in a majority we refuse it because that is ours."—M. Louis Velinot, R. C.

"The Catholic religion with all its votes, ought to be exclusively dominant in such sort, that every other worship shall be banished and interdicted."—Pope Pius IX.

"If Catholics ever gain a sufficient majority in this country, religious freedom is at an end; so say our enemies; so we believe."—Shepherd of the Valley, R. C. paper, St. Louis.

"Protestantism! We would draw and quarter it! We would impale it and hang it up for crows nests. We would tear it with pincers and fire it with hot irons. We would fill it with molten lead and sink it in hell fire a hundred fathoms deep."—The Watchman, R. C. paper, St. Louis.

"Tell us we are Catholics first and Americans or Englishmen afterwards, of course we are; Tell us, in the conflict between the church and the civil government we take the side of the church, of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the church, we would say tomorrow, **To hell with the government of the United States**; and if the church and all the governments of the world were at war, we would say, To hell with the governments of the world. * * Why is it that in this country, where we have only seven per

cent of the population, the Catholic church is so much feared? She is loved by all her children and feared by everybody. Why is it the pope has such tremendous power? **Why the pope is the ruler of the world.** All the emperors, all the kings, all the princes, all the presidents of the world are as these altar boys of mine. **The pope is the ruler of the world.**"—D. S. Phelan, editor Western Watchman, St. Louis, in sermon in Watchman, June 27, 1912.

Pope Leo XII died July 20th 1903. In his official letter Sapientiae Christ, p. 45 he informs the Roman Catholics of the world that "it is necessary to act in accordance with the political wisdom of the ecclesiastical power," i. e., the pope.

In giving to his people the world over political "precepts" he writes:

I. "Justice and reason FORBID that the STATE should maintain the same attitude toward the various religions and grant the same rights to all of them promiscuously."

In his encyclical Libertas, p. 35.

II. "The will of God himself demands that the civil power should so rule and govern as to conform with the ecclesiastical," i. e., the pope's—"power."

Praeclara gratulationis, p. 27.

III. "States may not indifferently adopt out of many kinds of religions that which they please; but they—the states—must by all means adopt that mode and manner of worshipping God whereby acording to his declared will God would be worshipped," i. e. the Roman Catholic mode and manner.

Immortale Dei, p. 13.—See No. IV.

IV. "Since, therefore it is necessary that there should be in the state the profession of one religion, that religion should be professed which is the only true one and which, especially in Catholic states, is without difficulty recognized. Hence it is this"—Roman Catholic—"religion those who are at the head of states should preserve and protect."—Libertas, p. 37.

V. "When the people is said to contain within itself the source of all rights and of all power the consequence will be that the state thinks it owes no manner of duty to God; that it—the state—makes no public profession of religion; that it does not consider it its—the state's—duty to inquire which of the many religions is the only true one, or to prefer the one to the others, or to favor one of them most, but that it—the state—must grant equal rights to all (religions).

"In full keeping herewith"—i. e. when the state "thinks" as said above—"all questions of religion are left"—by the state "to private judgment and every one is permitted" —by the state—"to follow whatever religion he may choose, or none if he approve none."

Immortale Dei, p. 31.

VI. "When the church judges that it is not right that various kinds of divine worship should enjoy"—in the state— "equal rights with the true—Roman Catholic—religion, she does not on that account condemn those rulers of states who, in order to secure some great benefit, or to prevent some great evil,"—like civil war in Protestant countries with a Roman Catholic King or president— "according to custom and usage" — i. e. when the "custom" of religious liberty cannot be destroyed—"patiently permit them severally to exist in the state."

Immortale Dei, p. 41.

VII. "Catholics have just cause to apply themselves to politics. . . . . with the purpose fixed in their minds to infuse the wisdom and virtue of the Catholic religion as a wholesome sap and blood into all the veins of the state." Immortale Dei, p. 49.

The above Roman Catholic political wisdom is taken word for word from the pope's own authoritative writings.

We have quoted Rome's own documents and witness in proof of our contention that Romanism is the uncompromising enemy of our Constitution, our liberties and our Republic, and is doing all in her power to overthrow the Republic and destroy the liberty she hates.

If concrete proof of our contention be asked we have

it. The Inquisition, the persecutions, the massacres, the bloody record of Romanism through the long dark ages, is our witness.

If the claim is made that Romanism has changed and is no longer the enemy of religious liberty, we point to her motto, "Semper Idem,"—ever the same and her claim of infallibility. Infallibility cannot change. More than this we point to her recent and persistent efforts to destroy free speech and press in the Unitd States, her **political activity** and her expressed determination to **"Make America Catholic,"** which by her own avowals can mean no less than the destruction of our liberties.

Her subjects are now COMMITTING OUTRAGES IN AMERICA IN UTTER DEFIANCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND LIBERTIES GUARANTEED IN THAT IMMORTAL DOCUMENT. We cite.

(1) Her organization of 300,000 knights of Columbus, a secret, oath-bound organization who are called the "Militia of the Pope," and whose motto is declared to be "The Pope is King."

(2) The participation of Romanists as such in American politics and the orders sent forth to "Vote for Catholics" with the fact that the Catholic press is demanding more congressmen, senators, officials and places in the National Cabinet.

(3) Her dominance of the press, her demand that the Postoffice Department exclude papers from the mails which expose and oppose her schemes; that the daily and weekly press shall not publish facts about Romanism; her boycott of men in the business world and her effort to intimidate and destroy protest against her power.

(4) MANY RECENT MOBS WHICH HAVE ASSAULTED AND PERSECUTED PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF HER MAD PURPOSE. We cite.

1. The mobbing of J. J. Crowley, Oelwein, Iowa, June 1913.

2. The mobbing of a Baptist church in Brooklyn, N. Y. a year ago.

3. The mobbing of a Baptist church in Carbondale,

Pa., the beating of citizens and the effort to kill the pastor and the speaker, and the wrecking of the building.

4. A Romish mob in Pittsburgh, Pa., when 2,000 men attempted to kill anti-Romish speakers.

5. The mobbing of Rev. Leyden, in Boston but recently.

6. The mobbing of a speaker in San Antonio, Tex., last year.

7. The mobbing of Rev. W. H. Boles in Springfield, Ill., two weeks ago.

8. The mobbing of Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon in Denver, Colo., on April 5.

9. The mobbing of a Methodist preacher in Jacksonville, Fla., in December last for preaching against Romanism.

10. The mobbing of Rev. Benjamin Clearmont in Potsdam, N. Y., on March 25.

11. Attempt to damage a building in Savannah, Ga., because patriotic speaker had been allowed to use it.

12. A patriotic speaker mobbed in Amarillo, Texas, last summer.

13. A Baptist minister assaulted by a Romanist in another Texas town for opposing Romanism.

14. Assassination of Louis R. Patmont, Westville, Ill., March 31. His body was found at Cleveland, Ohio on April 28.

15. A Romish mob of 3000 to 4000 attacked Dr. Barnett who lectured against Romanism in Grace Methodist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., April 24, 1914. As they charged they cried "Kill him!"

Besides these recorded cases there are doubtless many other acts of threats, intimidation, persecution, boycotts, where the victims have been made to suffer. Certain it is that publishers of patriotic papers which expose and oppose Romanism, have been abused, threatened, intimidated and many threats against their lives have been sent through the mails.

THUS ROMANISM STANDS WITH BLUDGEON IN HAND AND RESORTS TO VIOLENCE TO ASSAULT AND DESTROY THE PRINCIPLES AND LIBERTIES WRITTEN AND GUARANTEED IN THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, AND THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING NOW. 1914.



The Mother of Harlots.